

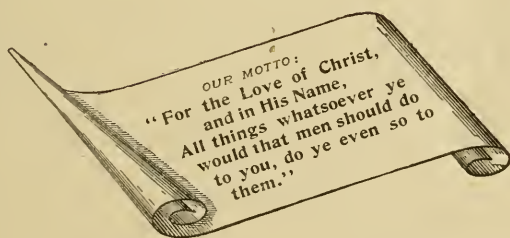
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING
HELD AT
Division Street Methodist Episcopal Church,
GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.,
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27—NOVEMBER 3, 1892.

 THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in Division Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Grand Rapids, Mich., Thursday morning, October 27th, 1892, at ten o'clock.

Entering the beautiful church, one would have been pardoned for imagining herself in the Sunny South as the luxuriant and graceful decorations of palms, Spanish moss, and a branch from an orange tree laden with the fruit greeted the eye. The latter was the gift of a colored delegate, Mrs. Alice Robinson of New Orleans, La. Over-arching all, was the inspiring and appropriate motto in spotless white, "All for Christ"—"In His Name."

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. John Davis, who announced the hymn, "Come, thou Fount of ever blessing," and read appropriate selections from the sixteenth chapter of Romans, fifteenth of St. John, and the twentieth Psalm. Earnest petitions for divine guidance were offered by Mrs. M. R. Crawford of Williamsport, Pa., and Mrs. Clara L. Roach of Washington, D. C. The hymn, "More love to thee, O Christ," was sung in closing the impressive devotional exercises.

Mrs. Davis, after inviting the General Officers of the Society to the platform, said: It seems that a formal address is unnecessary. We have met so often, so many of us, and in such hearty sympathy, and so fully imbued with the spirit of the work, it goes without saying that we are glad to see each other. I never so coveted the gift of the silver-tongued orator as now, standing before this annual gathering;—but all can be trusted in the hand of him who in a special sense came to heal our griefs and give strength for the work committed to us.

The Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. A. Aiken, called the roll of the Conferences and the delegates took the seats assigned them. Mrs. Aiken

nominated the following ladies as assistant secretaries during the convention and on motion they were elected: Mrs. B. S. Potter of Bloomington, Ill., Mrs. W. C. Herron of Cincinnati, O., Mrs. H. D. Ferguson of Utica, N. Y., and Mrs. A. E. Dwight of Melrose, Mass.

Mrs. W. J. Aldrich introduced to the President in turn the friends who were to speak words of greeting, and Mrs. Davis presented each to the convention. Rev. A. M. Gould, Pastor of the Division Street Church, said that the temple at Ephesus was supported by 120 pillars, each given by a king. That this organization was made up of more than 120 queens, each given to the world by The King. Years ago women spoke through their husbands only, but now they are speaking loudly and distinctly for themselves, and will be heard more clearly than ever man has been heard. They have long been speaking to the Lord and he has heard them, and now they are speaking to the lawmakers and the leaders of earth. The destiny of the nation is in the hands of women in the school-room and at the fireside. Woman's love is as broad as the world, and she is sending the gospel to the dark places in America and in foreign lands. He was glad to welcome the representatives of woman's missionary work to his church.

Rev. Wm. Denman, Pastor of East Street Church, and Rev. W. A. Frye of Plainfield Avenue Church, gave cordial greeting, while Rev. S. L. Hamilton of Ames Church gave brotherly welcome, feeling sure that his name would win his way in an audience of Methodist women. Rev. A. A. Knappen of Albion, Mich., closed the greetings from the ministerial brethren with a few well-chosen words.

Mrs. N. W. Northrop, in behalf of the ladies of the Conference, gave such cheering words as showed that the Society was as thoroughly desired as it was gracefully welcomed. She made beautiful reference to Mrs. Aldrich, and the proposed Deaconess Home in this Conference and its beneficent mission.

Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk was then introduced, and responded on behalf of the convention to all the kindly words spoken. Touching reference was made to her home in former years in this State where she learned her first Home Missionary lesson, and where so many of her loved ones have found a resting place. Her words were soul-felt and found an echo in the heart of every member of the convention.

The Recording Secretary, Mrs. Aiken, announced the list of Standing Committees to be appointed as follows: Resolutions, By-Laws, Nominations, Finance and Mission Fields, Place of Meeting, and Enrollment. The appointment of the Committee on Resolutions and By-Laws was postponed until the afternoon session.

The following constituted the Committee on Nominations as provided by By-law 3, Sec. 1, page 190, Tenth Annual Report:

From the General Executive Board, Mesdames M. B. Hagans, Geo. H. Thompson, W. C. Herron, Wm. M. Ampt, I. D. Jones; and from Conferences, Mesdames F. V. Chapman, Diathea Cook, A. A. Knappen, P. F. Graham, F. A. Arter, J. B. Robinson, C. A. Van Anda, Mary S. Crossman, Mary N. Van BenSchoten, M. R. Crawford, Samuel Hazlett, L. H. Bunyan,

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The Committee on Finance and Mission Fields, in accordance with By-law No. 4, Sec. 1, was constituted as follows: The President, the Chairman of the General Executive Board, the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, the Treasurer, the Secretaries of Bureaus, the Conference Secretaries, and Mesdames J. S. Vernor, Diathea Cook, A. E. Dwight, E. Robins and A. A. Knappen.

On motion of Mrs. Fisk, Mrs. Anna Kent was elected to represent the New Jersey Conference on this Committee in the absence of its Secretary.

The following ladies were also duly elected to represent their respective Conferences in the absence of the Corresponding Secretaries: Philadelphia, Mrs. Thos. May Pierce; Maine, Mrs. C. F. Allen; Louisiana, Mrs. Alice Robinson.

The Committee on Place of Meeting was constituted as follows: Mrs. F. A. Hall, Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, Mrs. C. B. Fisk, Mrs. C. L. Roach and Mrs. J. I. Boswell.

The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. S. Rust, was called and warmly greeted, the convention rising as she took her place on the platform. Her report was an able presentation of the condition of the organization and its varied interests. On motion of Mrs. Potter, this report was adopted by a rising vote.

It was moved by Mrs. Fisk that the President of the Society be instructed to convey to the President of the United States the sympathy of this Society in his affliction. The President asked that the name of Mrs. Fisk be added to her own in carrying out the instruction given. This was granted.

The appointment of the Enrollment Committee followed, consisting of ladies E. G. Studley, M. R. Bissell, H. M. Joy, A. M. Gould, W. M. Ampt and W. J. Aldrich.

After a statement made by Mrs. Ampt regarding favors from the railroad, Mrs. Griffith moved a vote of thanks to the railroad officials who had so kindly assisted our Railroad Secretary, and to the Presbyterian brother who offered to pay the expenses of the agent at the convention. Carried.

On motion, the program of exercises and order of business was adopted as printed and submitted to the convention.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to have in charge reports of the convention to our Church and secular papers: Mrs. H. C. McCabe, Chairman; Mrs. L. H. Bunyan, Mrs. M. C. Hickman. On motion, the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries were added to this Committee.

After some instructions by Rev. A. M. Gould as to subscriptions for daily papers, the doxology was sung and Rev. A. A. Knappen pronounced the benediction.

Thursday Afternoon.

The afternoon session convened at 2 o'clock with Mrs. Davis in the chair. The hymn, "Children of the heavenly King," was sung. Mrs. J. E. Gilbert read selections from the Scriptures, and prayer was offered by Miss Elizabeth Smith of the Deaconess Home, Buffalo, followed with prayer by Mrs. R. W. P. Goff of Philadelphia. After which the hymn, "Forever here my rest shall be," was sung.

The minutes of the morning session, read by Mrs. Potter, were corrected and adopted.

On motion, the Committee on Resolutions was constituted as follows: Mrs. C. B. Fisk, Mrs. L. E. Prentiss, Mrs. E. L. Hyde, Mrs. M. N. Van BenSchoten, Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson, Mrs. I. D. Wiltrout.

The convention was favored with a beautiful solo sung by Mrs. Shedd of Grand Rapids.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. A. R. Clark, was called for. Before the report was presented, Mrs. Davis spoke in a very appreciative way of the arduous duties of the Treasurer, and of the time necessarily given to this work at the expense of social and home duties and often at the risk of health. She wished her remarks to apply also to our indefatigable Secretaries, Mrs. Rust and Mrs. Aiken. Mrs. Fisk moved that the convention show its appreciation of their services by a rising vote. The motion was carried.

Mrs. Clark then read her report, which exhibited in a full and clear manner the financial condition of the Society. On motion, the report was adopted with thanksgiving.

On motion of Mrs. Rust, the Treasurer was granted permission to incorporate in her report before publication, any receipts legitimately belonging to the year.

Mrs. Roach stated that the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer had been listened to with great interest, and she moved that the report of the Corresponding Secretary and a summary report of the Treasurer be published in pamphlet form for the use of auxiliaries, since it is so late in the year before the Annual Report is published. The motion was carried.

Rev. W. I. Cogshall, Presiding Elder of the Grand Rapids District, was introduced and expressed his pleasure at meeting the ladies and his regrets at not being present at the morning session.

Mrs. I. D. Jones urged that more importance be attached to Thank-offering day, and made an earnest appeal for the General Fund that the treasury may be equal to the demands made upon it. She submitted the following resolutions which, on motion, were considered by items:

Resolved, 1. That the last Friday in April be the day to report the Thank-offering of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

2. That all auxiliaries, circles and bands be requested to hold their individual Thank-offering day some time previous, in order to report to the General Treasurer before the last Friday in April.

3. That a committee be appointed to prepare programs, envelopes, etc., to be used in the auxiliary meeting, and also to devise methods to create general enthusiasm for this day.

4. That the proceeds shall be given to the General Fund in so far as practicable.

The first item brought out a spirited discussion. Many ladies thought that the day recommended did not indicate the fixed time for making the Thank-offering, but only the day for reporting the offering. It was quite apparent from the discussion that some of the ladies preferred to have this day observed in the Fall. Many good reasons for this as well as objections were given. It seemed to be the general feeling that no special day could be determined upon which could be uniformly observed by all auxiliaries.

On motion, a Committee was appointed from different parts of the country to take this matter into consideration, consisting of ladies M. C. Hickman, J. I. Boswell, T. J. Everett, I. Spurlock, J. P. Negus, M. N. Van BenSchoten, J. A. Richardson, E. E. Buvinger. Mrs. I. D. Jones, on motion of Mrs. Clark, was added to this Committee.

The remaining items were adopted.

Mrs. Hickman offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That this Committee be requested to recommend a particular day to be observed by all our societies as Thank-offering day.

Mrs. Ampt made a special request that all railroad certificates be handed in by 9 o'clock Friday morning, as the agent could not be at the church after that time.

Mrs. W. J. Aldrich made some announcements, and read the names of the delegates so far as obtained.

Mrs. Davis called special attention to the meeting of the General Executive Board to be held in the evening, to which Corresponding Secretaries, delegates and visitors were invited.

"When I survey the wondrous cross" was sung, Mrs. Davis offered a brief prayer, and the meeting adjourned.

Friday Morning.

The session was opened with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson, who read the Scripture lesson, after which prayer was offered by Mrs. H. D. Ferguson.

The minutes of the previous session, read by Mrs. Herron, were corrected and adopted.

The Editor, Mrs. H. C. McCabe, submitted the report on *Woman's Home Missions*. She said, two facts are pressed upon our thoughtful attention. One is that it is a reading age, another that this is pre-eminently a missionary age. To be a reader of missionary literature at this time is to know the character and condition of the whole world. Our paper is a part of this wealth of knowledge and inspiration. She urged that Con-

ference Secretaries do their utmost to promote its interests. The report was adopted.

The report of the Bureau for Supplies was read by Mrs. Aiken, as Mrs. May Leonard Wells, the Secretary, had been compelled to withdraw from active association with the Bureau, and was detained at home by the serious illness of her mother. The report recommended that supplies be sent only to duly accredited parties and through the recognized channels, and that a Secretary of Supplies be appointed in each Conference organization. On motion, the report was adopted.

Mrs. Rust moved that a committee consisting of Conference Corresponding Secretaries and Conference Secretaries of Supplies be appointed, that resolutions may be formulated for the control of the supplies work and presented for the adoption of this body. Carried.

This Committee was constituted as follows: Mrs. L. E. Prentiss, Mrs. M. E. Griffith and Miss A. Cummings.

On motion of Mrs. Boswell, a vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Wells, the retiring Secretary of Supplies, for her very efficient services, and the sympathy of the body was extended to her in her affliction.

A verse of "Rock of Ages" was sung, followed by the report of the Bureau for New Mexico and Arizona (Indian), read by Mrs. E. W. Simpson. The work is divided between the Apaches and Navajoes, and is in a most prosperous condition. On motion, the report was adopted.

It was further stated by Mrs. Simpson that the *Navajoe Evangel*, a paper published in the interest of the work, may be obtained from Rev. H. R. Antes, Florence, Colo.

Mrs. Anna Kent presented the report of the Bureau for New Mexico and Arizona (Spanish). This report represented foreign work on American soil, and expressed the hope that the school at Albuquerque will be established by next year.

Mrs. Annie Norton, missionary at Albuquerque, was introduced and spoke of the progress of the work in New Mexico. She had been at Albuquerque for five years, and regretted that lack of funds has delayed the building of the Home.

The report of the Bureau for Mormons, full of inspiration and encouragement, was presented by Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, Secretary. No new work had been undertaken in Utah during the year, though there was never a time when greater opportunities were presented. The demand is for more direct missionary work and to this end greater appropriations are needed. On motion, the report was adopted.

Mrs. A. R. Clark moved that a committee of five, of which Mrs. Goff shall be Chairman, be appointed for the revision of the work in Utah, and its adaptation to meet the changed conditions of this mission field. Mrs. Goff, Mrs. Hickman, Mrs. Negus, Mrs. Van Anda and Mrs. Arter were constituted such a Committee.

Mrs. H. C. McCabe, Secretary of the Bureau for Indians, in presenting her report, said that in accordance with the instructions given last year,

no new work has been undertaken, but the work already established has been strengthened. On motion, the report was adopted.

The noon hour having arrived, a moment was given to silent prayer, after which a verse of "Sweet hour of prayer" was sung.

Rev. Dr. Green, Pastor of Second St. Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced, and expressed the belief that the Society is working in harmony with divine instruction, "beginning at Jerusalem," for whosoever begins in America holds the key of the world, and whosoever will strengthen the lines at home will reach the more remote points.

On motion of Mrs. Hollister, it was directed that a telegram conveying greetings to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, now in session in Denver, be forwarded by Mrs. Fisk; also that Mrs. W. F. McDowell of Denver be made fraternal delegate from the Society.

Mrs. Hickman moved that a delegate be appointed to the Non-partisan Woman's Christian Temperance Union soon to be convened in Cleveland, O. The motion prevailed and Mrs. Hickman was elected delegate.

Mrs. Roach moved that greetings be sent to our elder sister, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, now in session at Springfield, Mass. Carried. Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Fisk were appointed to convey such greetings.

Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk made the following report concerning action by the General Conference:

"On the 10th of May, at Omaha, during the session of the General Conference, Dr. J. M. King presented certain resolutions in regard to the amendment to the Constitution, which had been introduced into the Senate and House of Representatives of the National Government and in both Houses referred to the Judiciary Committee. The Amendment is as follows:

"That no State shall pass any law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibit the free exercise, or use its property or credit, or any money raised by taxation or authorized to be used for the purpose of maintaining or aiding by appropriation, payment for services, expenses, or otherwise, any church, religious denomination, or religious society, or any institution, society, or undertaking, which is wholly or in part under sectarian or ecclesiastical control.

"It was stated that twenty-one States already contained provisions similar to the above. To make this national, to set the question at rest, the object of the action asked is in the interest of the common schools of our country and the separation of Church and State. The General Conference was asked to pass the following:

"*Resolved*, That this General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church appeal to the Fifty-second Congress to pass and submit to the several States for their action the proposed form of the 16th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States as a peaceful measure of safety.

"The motion was carried unanimously, with the suggestion that the delegates use all their influence in their respective States to secure its approval. In the discussion it was said that the action proposed "is far reaching and important beyond anything that would be done by General Conference that does not directly and sensibly relate to the Church to which we belong.

"Supplementary to this, the following was unanimously passed :

"WHEREAS, The appropriation of public funds for sectarian purposes by the National Government is not only wrong in principle, but a violation of the letter and spirit of the Constitution of the United States, therefore,

"*Resolved*, That this General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church requests the Missionary Societies working under its sanction or control to decline to either make application to or receive from the National Government any money for educational work among the Indians.

"In the discussion of this resolution, the fact was brought out that the only moneys appropriated by the National Government to our Church have been received by the Woman's Home Missionary Society for contract schools among the Indians. The fact was emphasized that this money had been received without the knowledge of the Church, that it was the act of a subordinate body without consultation with the Church officially."

Mrs. Fisk then presented the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote :

Resolved, That the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church cordially approve of this action, not only because of its loyalty to the highest legislative and judicial body of the Church, but because of its belief in the American principle of the absolute separation of Church and State.

Greetings were received from the Springfield District Association of the Cincinnati Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society, now in session at New Carlisle, O. Mrs. Aiken and Mrs. Griffith were appointed to respond to these greetings.

Mrs. Aldrich moved a suspension of the regular order of business for the reception of fraternal delegates to-morrow morning at ten o'clock. Carried.

Announcements were made, the hymn, "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds," was sung, after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Knappen, and the session adjourned.

Friday Afternoon.

Friday afternoon session convened with Mrs. Davis in the chair. The hymn, "Jesus, the very thought of thee," was sung. Mrs. Hazlett read the Scripture lesson and prayer was offered by Mrs. Van Vradenburg, after which two verses of "More love to thee, Oh Christ," were sung.

The minutes of the morning session, read by Mrs. Ferguson, were corrected and adopted.

Mrs. Springer requested the convention to interpret number 8 of By-laws for Conference Societies. On motion of Mrs. Williams, a Committee of five was appointed on By-laws, viz.: Mrs. Rust, Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Aiken, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Hollister.

Dr. J. I. Buell, Presiding Elder of the Ionia District, was then intro-

duced and gave cordial greetings to the Society and wished it God-speed in its work.

Reports from Conferences were read as follows: Wyoming, by Mrs. S. O. Robins; Wilmington, by Mrs. M. H. Jones; West Wisconsin, by Mrs. M. Benson; Upper Iowa, by Mrs. M. Alspaugh; Troy, by Mrs. E. W. Simpson, and South-east Indiana, by Mrs. C. S. Chafee. These reports, full of interest, were adopted.

Two stanzas of the hymn, "Work for the night is coming," were sung. On motion, the time was extended and Mrs. Springer was requested to present the report of the Little Rock Conference, which showed that new auxiliaries have been organized and new members added to the Society. One verse of "Crown him Lord of all" was sung and the report of the Bureau for the West Southern States was presented by Mrs. M. B. Hagus, Secretary. This report reviewed the work of the Homes and Mission at New Orleans, Holly Springs and Little Rock, and showed them to be in a most hopeful condition. The time was extended in order to hear the whole of this able report, after which one verse of "One more day's work for Jesus" was sung.

On motion of Mrs. Aiken, the colored delegates from the South were invited to sing at the evening service.

Mrs. W. G. Williams, Chairman of the Committee on Ritter Industrial Home and School for white girls at Athens, Tenn., submitted a report which set forth the work of this Home. Mrs. Chapman, Superintendent of the Home, was introduced, and said she could talk all day and night and the next day and not begin to tell the needs of this Home.

The report of the Industrial Home at Morristown, Tenn., was given by Mrs. Anna Kent, Chairman. After patient waiting and earnest work by the friends of this enterprise, the Home is now ready for those who have been desiring its opportunities. At Mrs. Kent's request, Mrs. C. B. Fisk spoke of the excellent work done by Miss Snider, the missionary, and gave an account of the recent dedicatory exercises, participated in by Bishop C. D. Foss and the preachers of the East Tennessee, and the Holston Conferences. On motion, these reports from Bureaus were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mrs. Cora Provine, of Knoxville, Tenn., a colored delegate, then read an interesting paper on "Our peculiar advantages." She said a large majority of the colored people have made rapid progress in literary culture, but a great number are still slaves to ignorance and superstition.

A telegram bearing Christian greetings was received from the Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in session at Springfield, Mass.

Announcements for the evening session were made, and it was voted to adjourn. "Rescue the perishing" was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Knappen.

Friday Evening.

The session opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Williams, who read the Scripture lesson. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Collins of Nebraska. The hymn, "Oh, it is hard, etc.," was sung.

Mrs. W. G. Williams presided and stated that this meeting was called for the discussion of special features of the work. She invited Mrs. Rust to submit some questions which had been received from the Conference Secretaries for consideration.

The first question was, "how shall we support the Training School at Washington?" After some discussion, three plans were suggested: *First*, that the young people should organize into circles and bands to raise a special fund for this purpose; *second*, that auxiliaries should make appropriations for its support; *third*, that the funds from mite boxes should be appropriated to this object.

On motion, a committee was appointed to consider the matter, consisting of Mrs. Gammon, Mrs. Roach, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Negus, Mrs. Pierce, Miss Cook, Mrs. Maynard, Miss Dill and Mrs. Tomkinson. This Committee was instructed to report on next Tuesday.

In response to a question, Mrs. Rust stated that the sum of \$100 would support a student in the Lucy Webb Hayes Home for one year.

Professor James Padden favored the audience with a violin solo, and Mrs. Bryant sung a solo, "Oh rest in the Lord," both of which were highly appreciated.

The second question, "is it desirable to make the salaries of missionaries the object of a special fund?" was discussed most unanimously in the affirmative, *first*, because it would greatly relieve the general treasury, and *secondly*, it would create great interest in auxiliaries to have some special object for which to work.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That we encourage auxiliaries to support missionaries as special work.

The report of the Committee to formulate resolutions for the control of supplies was read by Mrs. Griffith, Chairman. After a spirited discussion as to whether auxiliaries should communicate with the Conference Secretaries of Supplies or with the Secretary of the Bureau, the report was, on motion, re-committed.

The delegates from the South then sang "If ever I get in the Heaven's door," and Mrs. Provine sung two solos, "Steal away home to Jesus," and "Swing low, sweet chariot." The audience joined in the chorus of the latter.

After the benediction by Dr. Buell, the session adjourned.

Saturday Morning.

Saturday morning the devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. E. Ocumpaugh. At 9:30, Mrs. Davis, the President, called the business session to order after offering an earnest petition to the throne of grace. The minutes of Friday afternoon session, read by Mrs. Dwight, were corrected and adopted. The minutes of Friday evening, presented by Mrs. Herron, were corrected and adopted.

Mrs. Springer offered the following resolution which, on motion, was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That we can but mourn our heavy bereavement in the death of that beautiful woman, our faithful co-laborer for so many years, Mrs. Mary B. Spencer; and while we tender our profound sympathy to the kindred so deeply bereft, we must ever rejoice in the spotless life; and cherished memories of this sister beloved must abide with us who knew her so well and loved her so fondly for her very work's sake.

On motion of Mrs. D. L. Williams, it was resolved that the names of the regularly and constantly employed city missionaries be published in our Annual Report.

Reports of Conference Corresponding Secretaries were then called for. Mrs. Aiken read the report from the Southern California Conference, which exhibited so decided an advance in missionary work as to call forth formal action instructing the Recording Secretary to send congratulations and greetings from the convention.

Mrs. Goff spoke in glowing terms of the grand work accomplished by the ladies of Southern California, which she considered a foreign mission field within our own land.

Mrs. Marcy, the Corresponding Secretary, reported for the Rock River Conference, and Mrs. Thomas May Pierce, delegate, for Philadelphia Conference. The absent Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Bickley, sent a letter of greeting from the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Philadelphia Conference in session, requesting that a copy of the proceedings of this convention be sent to the *Public Ledger* of Philadelphia for publication. On motion, this was referred to the Committee on the Press.

Mrs. Prentiss, Corresponding Secretary, reported for Holston Conference, after which Mrs. Fisk bore testimony to the energetic prosecution of the work on the part of Mrs. Prentiss, which had won for her the commendation that she is a whole missionary society in herself.

Mrs. Springer paid a deserved tribute to Mrs. Chapman, the Superintendent of Ritter Home, located within the boundaries of Holston Conference.

Mrs. Richardson led in singing "In some way or other the Lord will provide."

Mrs. Schoyer presented the report for Pittsburg Conference, and Mrs. Sutherland for North-west Kansas.

The hour having arrived for receiving fraternal delegates, Mrs. R. S. Goodman representing the Presbyterian Church was introduced. She

spoke of the work the Presbyterian Churches of the North are doing among the Indians, Alaskans, Mormons, New Mexicans, the people of Arizona and of other south-western sections. She rejoiced in what is being done in the needy portions of our land by the sister Churches and urged the Woman's Home Missionary Society to renewed effort. She told the story of one who went up into the tower of St. Nicholas Church in old Amsterdam to watch the playing of the marvelous chimes, but was prevented from hearing the music by the nearness of the bells, the noise of the keys when struck by the wooden gloves of the player, and the clatter of the wires, though the sweet sounds floated throughout the city and away over the sea, and many rejoiced at the exquisite tones. Mrs. Goodman wondered if it were not so with the burdened sisters of the General Executive Board who sit among the complicated machinery and watch its workings with anxious hearts. The very nearness of the work makes them fail to realize the melody of the sweet chords which are floating far over the land and reaching dull ears and sad hearts, and waking happy thoughts of life and of heaven to come. In closing, she extended to the convention Lord Tennyson's welcome to Alexandria, the beautiful Danish Princess, with the assurance that the name of "Christian" will unite all denominations to-day as they hope to be united in heaven.

Mrs. Judge Whitney of the Congregationalist Church, and Mrs. Renwick of the Baptist Church, were presented to the convention and in fitting words gave greetings from these sister denominations.

The President, Mrs. Davis, stated that she was born a Presbyterian, and at the early age of fourteen became a member of the Baptist Church, in whose fellowship she remained until her marriage, when she joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. She exulted in the thought that there was never less of sect distinction than at this time, and that hands and hearts are more closely linked in work and fellowship in Christ Jesus.

Mrs. E. L. Albright in responding to these fraternal greetings referred to the bond of love which unites Christian hearts and directed thought to him who has formed this bond of union, quoting the divine words, "I am the vine, ye are the branches," etc. She spoke of God's purposes in exalting women, and assured the sisters of prayerful remembrance, reminding them that the distance which separates Christian workers is short when the road runs past the mercy seat.

The convention then joined in singing, "There is a place where spirits blend."

A vocal duet, "A song to our country," by Miss Carrie Gould and her father, Rev. A. M. Gould, was given with fine effect, and elicited the hearty applause of the convention. On motion of Mrs. Aiken, they were invited to repeat this duet on Sunday evening at the anniversary of the Society.

Mrs. Jones, Corresponding Secretary, presented the report of Cincinnati Conference, showing an increase of receipts in the treasury over the preceding year. On motion, all of these reports of Conferences were adopted.

The President introduced the Rev. I. N. Dalby, Superintendent of the Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home, who expressed himself as being glad

to hear the reports just presented, glad to see the women engaged in the onward movement of our Church, and glad to know that they are reaching out a helping hand to uplift the masses.

Mrs. Davis presented Mrs. Dalby, the efficient associate worker in the Memorial Home, who in a few well chosen words indicated her enjoyment of this special work in Washington.

The report of the Publisher of *Woman's Home Missions*, in the absence of Miss Evans, was read by Mrs. McCabe, and presented the gratifying fact that the circulation amounted to 15,530 and that all bills had been met, leaving a cash balance of \$264.75. The report recommended the formation of some plan for systematic canvassing whereby the subscriptions would be increased to 20,000.

Mrs. Griffith's suggestion that pledges be made for *Woman's Home Missions* was adopted with enthusiasm in action, as the following will testify: For Washington, Pa., Auxiliary, 140 new subscribers by Mrs. Hazlett; North New Orleans District, 10 by Mrs. Brown; Pittsburg, 60 by Mrs. Schoyer; Newark, 200 by Mrs. Boswell; West Wisconsin, 100 by Mrs. Benson; Detroit, 100 by Mrs. Hollister; New England, 100 by Mrs. Mansfield; Michigan, 100 by Mrs. Master; East Ohio, 100 by Mrs. Hickman; North Ohio, 75 by Mrs. Albright; Colorado, 100 by Mrs. Clough; North Nebraska, 100 by Mrs. Roberts; New York East, 100 by Mrs. Maynard; Wilmington, 100 by Mrs. Jones; North-west Indiana, 100 by Mrs. Matthews; Ohio, 100 by Miss Dill; Wyoming, 100 by Mrs. Robins; Genesee, 100 by Mrs. Benham; Cincinnati, 100 by Mrs. Buvinger; Upper Iowa, 68 by Mrs. Alspaugh; Nebraska, 100 by Mrs. Miller; Kansas, 50 by Mrs. McBride; Philadelphia, 100 by Mrs. Pierce; New Jersey, 100 by Mrs. Kent; Holston, 50 by Mrs. Prentiss; Illinois, 100 by Mrs. Lane; New England Southern, 100 by Mrs. Brown; Baltimore, 100 by Mrs. Roach; Central Pennsylvania, 50 by Mrs. Tomkinson; Northern New York, 100 by Mrs. Ferguson; North Indiana, 60 by Miss Stabler; Troy, 100 by Mrs. Simpson; Vermont, 50 by Mrs. Clapp; Maine, 50 by Mrs. Allen; Rock River, 50 by Mrs. Gammon; Louisiana, 30 by Mrs. Robinson; North-west Nebraska, 20 by Mrs. Collins; West Nebraska, 30 by Mrs. Collins; Erie, 50 by Miss Cummings. Total number pledged, 3,243.

The report of the Bureau for East Southern States was read by the Recording Secretary, in the absence of Mrs. J. L. Whetstone, the Secretary of the Bureau, who sent greetings, with the assurance that although unable to be present, she was with the ladies in love and faithful work for the Society. The report showed that success had marked the progress of the work in this Bureau. On motion, the report was adopted.

The report of the Bureau for Texas was verbally presented by its Secretary, Mrs. Albright, showing satisfactory progress made in all departments of study in King Industrial Home, and that every girl within the Home had become a professing Christian. This report was adopted.

The noon tide of prayer was observed as heads bowed in silent petition to the throne of grace, and terminated with the blending of voices in the melody of that ever precious song, "I need thee every hour."

Miscellaneous business being called for, Mrs. Hickman, Chairman of the Committee on Thank-offering Day, submitted a report, which, on motion, was considered item by item. The first resolution was adopted as follows:

Resolved, 1. That we recommend so far as possible that the Thursday before Thanksgiving be observed as Thank-offering day by all our Societies.

The second resolution, that we request the General Executive Board to make any arrangements they may think best for the proper observance of the day, was amended as follows:

2. That we request the appointment of a committee of three to make any arrangements that they may think best for the proper observance of the day.

Mesdames Albright, McCabe and Williams, of Delaware, O., were appointed said Committee.

On motion of Mrs. Aiken, the Committee on Place of Meeting was enlarged by the addition of Mrs. Springer and Mrs. Roberts, representing the northwestern and western sections of the country.

Mrs. Herron stated that she was obliged to return to her home on Monday and tendered her resignation as a member of the Committee on Nominations. The resignation was accepted, and, on motion, Mrs. Williams was elected to fill the vacancy. Mrs. Jones also resigned for the same purpose, and, on motion, Mrs. Goff was elected in her place.

The President called attention to the fact that Mrs. Dr. Carey and Mrs. James Dale, of Cincinnati, would receive subscriptions to *Woman's Home Missions*, and offer for sale copies of the second edition of "The Lucy Webb Hayes Memoir."

Mrs. Aldrich read the appointments for Sunday services, and the meeting adjourned until Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

Sunday Evening.

The anniversary of the Society was held in Division Street Church, Mrs. McCabe presiding. The hymn, "My country 'tis of thee," was sung and prayer was offered by the pastor, Rev. A. M. Gould. The anthem, "Nearer my God to thee," was finely rendered by the quartette choir. The Pastor read a Scripture lesson, and the hymn, "Just as I am" was sung by the choir and large audience assembled.

Mrs. Davis, the President of the Society, presented a *resume* of the work of the Society in its varied departments during the twelve years of its existence. Continuing, she said: Ours is a grateful and congenial work—the making of the home, that nursery of patriotism, that sweetest spot that if broken into fragments leaves all else in desolation. We exult in the thought that God in his pity and love created this land that it might be a haven for the homeless ones throughout the earth. But if we would

perpetuate the designs of the Creator we must guard the hearth-stone. We must have God-fearing fathers, and saintly mothers, and obedient children. Our Society is trying to do its share in this direction.

She spoke of the widening future of the Society, and of the *ultimate* of all missionary effort—that new humanity when the words of our Lord that “ye are all brethren” shall be a living fact. She referred to the great forces of society, commercial, humanitarian, philanthropic, that are being used by providence to uplift and benefit humanity, and said, if in the fullness of time this vast host of disciplined forces should be united under one common head and be massed upon the citadels of unbelief and sin, how soon would those strongholds be captured and destroyed. In closing, she amplified the thought that the magnificent privilege of life is to take hold upon God’s plan for the benefit of the world and help to work it out.

The quartette effectively sung “One thing have I desired of the Lord.”

Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson made an eloquent address. She said she was glad that this anniversary comes at the time of the anniversary of our country. After four hundred years of existence we find ourselves one of the most prosperous and advanced nations on the globe. How do we connect the affairs of the nation with the affairs of this Society? This Society represents the American Christian women, and none can be more interested in the affairs of the nation than the wives and daughters.

Our land is beset by dangers that no other land ever had to contend with. There is the South with its 7,500,000 colored persons to be christianized. There is the West with 250,000 Indians, who will soon be given the power to vote. Then there are New Mexico and Utah, where the reign of superstition is not ended.

In San Francisco I have heard Chinese and Japanese girls tell the dreadful stories of their degradation. In the eastern seaport towns we can hear the advancing tread of a great invasion that is bringing foreign ideas and principles. We must make the immigrants good Americans, and the best way to do it is by giving them the gospel of Christ. Those of us who have crossed the water have been touched by the pathetic faces of girls on board the incoming ships. Think of them drifting out on the streets, lost to honor and purity, having fallen into the clutches of immoral men and women. Surely it is woman’s work to meet them kindly, and if necessary to offer them the shelter of homes.

It is the spirit we have in us that makes us valuable in this work. What we want more of is love for God, and through him love for his children. The time is coming when man will be to man even as Christ was—brother to brother.

Mrs. McCabe in a few well chosen words commended the *Woman’s Home Missions*, and the exercises were concluded with a vocal duet, “A song to our country, the pride of the world,” by Rev. A. M. Gould and Miss Carrie Gould, and the benediction pronounced by the Pastor.

Monday Morning.

Monday morning a delightful devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Van BenSchoten. Mrs. Davis occupied the chair.

The minutes, read by Mrs. Aiken, were corrected and adopted.

Mrs. Ampt, Chairman of the Committee on Mite Boxes, said she was happy to report that the mite box had grown in favor. Conferences have learned that it is one of the best ways to gather funds for Christian work.

By request of Mrs. Ampt, Mrs. Dwight, whom she called the mother of mite boxes, was invited to give an account of her success in this work. Mrs. Dwight said, we came to the Annual Meeting last year with a debt of \$8,000 on our Immigrants' Home. We asked the General Board of Managers to give us \$2,000, provided we would raise \$6,000 this year. We went home to devise ways and means to raise this money. Mrs. Rust visited our Conference in the Summer and suggested the bee-hive mite box. This was adopted and 1,060 were distributed among our auxiliaries with the understanding that each lady must have one dollar in her hive or she would be called a drone. Our ladies went to work with a will. Some worked button holes, washed table linen from socials, made candy, and solicited from friends. Swarnings were held and collections taken. The hives alone brought \$2,184.87. Without the interest created by them, we all agree that we could never have raised our \$6,000.

On motion, Mrs. Ampt's report was adopted and she was permitted to make any additions to her report handed in by the Conference Secretaries.

Reports were heard from the following Conferences, read by their Corresponding Secretaries: North Ohio, by Mrs. N. S. Albright; New Hampshire, by Mrs. J. T. Pike, in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary; North Indiana, by Miss Mary L. Stabler; New York East, by Mrs. J. Q. Maynard; New England Southern, by Mrs. Brown, showing an increase of interest in all departments of work. These reports were adopted, and "I love to tell the story" was sung.

Mrs. J. E. Gilbert, Secretary of the Bureau for the East Central States, made a detailed report showing the Bureau to be in excellent condition. On motion, the report was adopted.

The regular order was suspended for the introduction of Rev. Mr. Kane of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. He said he had no words adequate to express his appreciation of the work and influence of this Society. He had always held it in high esteem and more than ever since the visit of Mrs. Hagans and other ladies to his church yesterday, and would have an auxiliary now in his church.

Mrs. Van Ness of the Upper Iowa Conference, by invitation delighted the convention by singing a beautiful solo, "The Children's Home," a fitting introduction to the report of the Mothers' Jewels Home given by Mrs. Spurlock, the efficient Assistant Superintendent, whose heart is full of love for those under her care. To this report further time was cheerfully granted. At its close, questions were asked and answered.

Mrs. Warner, of York, Neb., was introduced and spoke earnest words for this Mothers' Jewels Home.

On motion, Mrs. Spurlock's report was adopted. A verse of "Sweet hour of prayer" was sung.

Reports of the general organizers were called for. Mrs. M. E. Griffith and Mrs. B. S. Potter both gave records of work accomplished which were very gratifying. "One more day's work for Jesus" was sung.

Mrs. Aldrich presented the report on Enrollment, which was accepted, as follows :

The enrollment at this Annual Meeting exhibits the gratifying fact that delegations are in attendance from twenty-three States, representing forty-nine Conferences; the representative membership, comprising General Officers, Secretaries of Bureaus, Corresponding Secretaries, and Delegates, numbers ninety-four, Deaconesses, three, and visitors, aside from the large local attendance from the various churches of the city, number forty-three.

We present the following as

THE ENROLLMENT LIST.

General Officers and Secretaries of Bureaus.—Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. H. C. McCabe, Mrs. R. S. Rust, Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Mrs. A. R. Clark, Mrs. M. B. Hagans, Mrs. W. M. Ampt, Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, Mrs. W. C. Herron, Mrs. I. D. Jones, Mrs. G. H. Thomson, Mrs. James Kent, Mrs. J. B. Robinson, Mrs. E. L. Albright, Mrs. J. E. Gilbert, Mrs. L. H. Daggett.

Honorary Vice Presidents.—Mrs. C. B. Fisk, Mrs. Chas. F. Springer.

[The names of Corresponding Secretaries of Conferences are noted by an asterisk.]

CONFERENCES.

BALTIMORE.—*Delegation*: Mrs. Clara L. Roach,* Mrs. J. A. Richardson.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Delegation*: Mrs. W. A. Brownell,* Mrs. M. N. Van BenSchoten.

CENTRAL OHIO.—*Delegation*: Mrs. E. S. Squire,* *pro tem*, Mrs. C. W. Wertz.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.—*Delegation*: Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson,* Mrs. M. R. Crawford.

CINCINNATI.—*Delegation*: Mrs. I. D. Jones,* Mrs. E. E. Buvinger. *Visitors*: Mrs. M. T. Carey, Mrs. James Dale, Mrs. D. V. Brown.

COLORADO.—*Delegate*: Mrs. John A. Clough.

DES MOINES.—*Represented by* Mrs. J. G. Plowman.

DETROIT.—*Delegation*: Mrs. Lillian Hollister,* Mrs. J. S. Vernor. *Visitors*: Mrs. T. C. Sherwood, Mrs. C. H. Morgan, Mrs. Jennie Steinhoff, Mrs. M. A. Bamlet, Mrs. Will Moore, Mrs. D. B. Tracy, Mrs. C. L. Adams, Mrs. J. M. Baird, Miss Mary G. Seaver, Mr. Geo. O. Robinson.

EAST OHIO.—*Delegation*: Mrs. M. C. Hickman,* Mrs. F. A. Arter.

EAST TENNESSEE.—*Delegation*: Mrs. Cora Provine.*

ERIE.—*Delegation*: Miss Annie Cummings,* Mrs. M. C. Crossman.

GENESEE.—*Delegation*: Mrs. W. R. Benham, Mrs. E. Ocumpaugh. *Visitors*: Mrs. D. A. Minard, Mrs. W. E. Sherwood.

CONFERENCES.

- HOLSTON.—*Delegation*: Mrs. L. E. Prentiss,* Mrs. F. V. Chapman.
- ILLINOIS.—*Delegation*: Mrs. B. S. Potter,* Mrs. M. E. Lane.
- INDIANA.—*Delegate*: Mrs. J. E. Gilbert.
- KANSAS.—*Delegation*: Mrs. Hila B. McBride,* Mrs. M. P. Sutherland.
- LITTLE ROCK.—*Represented* by Mrs. C. F. Springer.
- LOUISIANA.—*Delegation*: Mrs. Sadie E. Johnson,* Mrs. Alice Robinson.
Visitor: Mrs. C. Brown.
- MAINE.—*Delegation*: Mrs. C. F. Allen, Mrs. L. F. Studley. *Visitor*: Miss L. B. Studley.
- MICHIGAN.—*Delegation*: Mrs. L. Master,* Mrs. A. A. Knappen. *Visitors*: Mrs. W. J. Aldrich, Mrs. D. F. Barnes, Mrs. E. M. Wheeler, Mrs. J. G. Plowman, Mrs. D. W. Parsons, Rev. A. A. Knappen, Mrs. Clement Smith, Mrs. J. I. Buell, Rev. J. I. Buell, D. D., Rev. L. Master, D. D., Mrs. Daniel Striker, Mrs. Wm. Holmes.
- MINNESOTA.—*Delegate*: Miss Susie Sewall.
- NEBRASKA.—*Delegation*: Mrs. S. E. Miller.* *Visitors*: Mrs. E. P. Warner, Mrs. Isabella Spurlock, Mrs. E. L. Hyde.
- NEWARK.—*Delegation*: Mrs. J. I. Boswell.* *Visitor*: Mrs. W. F. Day.
- NEW ENGLAND.—*Delegation*: Mrs. Geo. C. Floyd,* Mrs. Geo. W. Mansfield. *Visitor*: Mrs. A. E. Dwight.
- NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN.—*Delegation*: Mrs. D. L. Brown,* Mrs. T. J. Everett.
- NEW HAMPSHIRE.—*Delegate*: Mrs. J. T. Pike.
- NEW JERSEY.—*Delegation*: Mrs. Anna Kent, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk.
- NEW MEXICO.—*Delegation*: Mrs. Annie Norton.*
- NEW YORK EAST.—*Delegation*: Mrs. John Q. Maynard.*
- NORTH INDIANA.—*Delegation*: Miss Mary L. Stabler,* Mrs. L. H. Bunyan.
- NORTH OHIO.—*Delegation*: Mrs. N. S. Albright,* Mrs. P. F. Graham.
- NORTHERN NEW YORK.—*Delegation*: Mrs. H. D. Ferguson,* Mrs. H. B. McComber.
- NORTH-WEST IOWA.—*Delegation*: Mrs. J. P. Negus.*
- NORTH-WEST INDIANA.—*Delegation*: Mrs. S. A. Mathews,* Mrs. John Roth.
- NORTH-WEST KANSAS.—*Delegate*: Mrs. M. R. Sutherland.
- NORTH-WEST NEBRASKA.—*Delegate*: Mrs. M. E. Roberts.
- OHIO.—*Delegation*: Miss Anna Dill,* Miss D. Cook.
- PHILADELPHIA.—*Delegate*: Mrs. Thos. May Pierce.
- PITTSBURG.—*Delegation*: Mrs. M. J. Schoyer,* Mrs. Samuel Hazlett.
- PUGET SOUND.—*Represented* by Mrs. D. B. Tracy.
- ROCK RIVER.—*Delegation*: Mrs. E. E. Marcy,* Mrs. E. H. Gammon.
Visitor: Mrs. W. A. Phillips.
- SOUTH-EAST INDIANA.—*Delegation*: Mrs. C. S. Chafee, Mrs. C. A. Van Anda.
- TROY.—*Delegation*: Mrs. E. W. Simpson,* Mrs. C. H. Smith.
- UPPER IOWA.—*Delegation*: Mrs. Margaret Alspaugh,* Mrs. R. B. Van Ness.

CONFERENCES.

VERMONT.—*Delegate*: Mrs. O. D. Clapp.

WEST NEBRASKA.—*Delegate*: Mrs. L. E. Collins.

WEST WISCONSIN.—*Delegation*: Mrs. M. Benson,* Mrs. I. D. Wiltrout.

WILMINGTON.—*Delegate*: Mrs. H. H. Jones. *Visitors*: Mrs. H. C. Robinson, Mrs. J. S. Willey.

WYOMING.—*Delegation*: Mrs. S. O. Robins,* Mrs. W. H. Pearce.

Deaconesses.—Miss L. A. Gaddis, Detroit, Mich.; Miss E. A. Smith, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Florence Van Vradenburg, Pittsburg, Pa.

The following resolution, offered by Mrs. Hickman, was adopted :

Resolved, That we request the Secretaries of the different Bureaus to see that each Home under their care is represented each year in the different Church papers.

It was moved by Mrs. Rust that Mrs. Plowman represent the Des Moines Conference. Carried.

The delegate and Corresponding Secretary of Cincinnati Conference having been obliged to return home, Mrs. M. T. Carey, on motion of Mrs. Aiken, was elected to take the place of the delegate, and Mrs. G. H. Thompson, on motion of Mrs. Rust, to take the place of the Corresponding Secretary on Committees.

On motion of Mrs. Fisk, Mrs. Kent was elected to take the place of the Corresponding Secretary of the New Jersey Conference. Mrs. Tracy, of Detroit, was elected to represent the Puget Sound Conference, and Mrs. Day, the California Conference.

On motion, Mrs. Rust was added to the Committee on By-Laws.

Mrs. Maynard, Miss Dill and Mrs. Tomkinson were added to the Committee for devising ways and means for the support of the Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home.

After the announcement of committee meetings, singing of the doxology, and benediction by Rev. Mr. Hamilton, the session adjourned.

Monday Afternoon.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. T. M. Pierce. "Come, thou Fount of every blessing" was sung, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Geo. H. Mansfield, after which hymn 1054 was sung. The opening of the business session immediately followed, with Mrs. Davis in the chair.

The minutes of the morning session, read by Mrs. Potter, were corrected and adopted.

The Corresponding Secretaries of several Conferences were called to read their reports. Mrs. Boswell reported for Newark Conference; Mrs. Floyd, for New England; Mrs. Master, for Michigan; and Miss Sewall for Minnesota. The latter report was received with pleasure, as it was the first time this Conference had been reported by the Secretary in person at the Annual Meeting. These reports were adopted.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, Mrs. James Mather, Chairman, was read by Mrs. McCabe. The report laid great emphasis upon the duty of giving the tenth to the Lord, and also of free-will offerings, quoting many Scripture texts to show that it was the Bible way.

Mrs. McCabe for Mrs. Mather submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

"Resolved, That every auxiliary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be requested to appoint a director who shall have charge of the matter of awakening an interest in the cause of Systematic Beneficence. The Director may secure the reading of an original or selected article or portion of Scripture on the subject, or the offering of a prayer for the success of the cause at each meeting. She shall keep a list of the names of those who do or will lay aside not less than one-tenth of their income for sacred purposes. The number shall be reported quarterly to the Corresponding Secretary of the auxiliary, who shall report the same to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and the latter shall report to the General Corresponding Secretary."

Mrs. McCabe asked the audience how many gave one-tenth, and forty-six responded. Mrs. Griffith wished that we might not say "give one-tenth," but pay one-tenth.

Mrs. Marcy spoke of Thank-offering day held in Evanston and gave interesting incidents concerning it.

A beautiful solo, "Home, sweet home," given on the harp, by Miss Hughes, was received with enthusiasm, and "Annie Laurie" was given as an *encore*.

Mrs. Williams, Secretary of the Bureau for Local Work, in giving her report stated that the organized city work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is largely done under the supervision of other Bureaus, and is therefore reported to this Board by the Secretaries of these Bureaus. The work of the visiting deaconesses, the Italian, the Bohemian, and the French Missions, and the Immigrant Work are all city work, and most of it is supported under the direction of local committees, as is the work reported by this Bureau. The Secretary made this explanation lest someone not acquainted with our missions should suppose that this report covers the entire field of effort in our cities. She stated also that a very large percentage of city work is not so thoroughly organized and systematically carried on as to be formally reported to this Board, and yet it is both useful and profitable.

Mrs. Williams stated that there had been some criticism on the blanks for Local Work. She explained that these were intended to serve as a guide. In answer to questions, Mrs. Williams stated that only regularly authorized and organized mission work, whether in cities, towns, or villages, could be recognized. The report was adopted.

Mrs. Griffith moved that a summary of this report be added to the pamphlet in which the Corresponding Secretary's report and summary of Treasurer's report are to be printed. An amendment was moved and carried that a few lines be added containing leading facts and a short financial report of Local Work.

The report of the Committee on Missionary Candidates, read by Mrs. Herron, was adopted.

Mrs. Rust asked that any who had changes to suggest in by-laws be requested to hand them to the Committee on By-Laws.

After singing and the benediction, the business session closed, and was followed by a spiritual experience meeting conducted by Mrs. C. L. Roach.

Monday Evening.

A mass meeting was held at the Division Street Church, at which Mrs. C. B. Fisk presided. After some plantation melodies by the southern delegates, Mrs. Annie Norton, missionary from New Mexico, gave some interesting facts concerning her work, and Rev. I. N. Dalby spoke earnestly of the needs of the Training School. The delegates then repaired to the residence of Mrs. A. M. Bissell, who tendered a brilliant reception to the delegates and friends of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which notwithstanding the inclement weather was fully attended.

Tuesday Morning.

After devotional exercises, Mrs. Davis resumed the chair.

The minutes read by Mrs. Herron were corrected and adopted.

Mrs. Hickinan presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Resolutions:

"Resolved, That the Committee on Resolutions be requested to consider the propriety of reducing the size and expense of our Annual Report and to devise some way by which its early publication may be secured."

Mrs. Davis spoke of the importance of our Deaconess Work, and in complimentary terms introduced Mrs. J. B. Robinson, Secretary of the Bureau.

Mrs. Robinson called for representatives of the various Deaconess Homes, Boards of direction and Conference Boards of Nine.

The following persons responded: Mrs. C. L. Roach, Washington, member of Board of Control of Lucy Webb Hayes Home; Mr. Geo. O. Robinson, Mrs. L. Hollister and Mrs. J. S. Vernor, members of Board of Trustees of Detroit Home; Mrs. A. A. Knappen, representative of Aldrich Memorial Home; Miss Susie Sewall, Board of Directors of Deaconess Home, Minneapolis; Mrs. W. L. Holmes, Board of Managers, Detroit Home; Mrs. F. Van Vradenburg, Pittsburg Deaconess Home; Mrs. J. Q. Maynard, Board of Directors of Deaconess Home, New York East

Conference; Mrs. D. A. Minard, Board of Trustees, Buffalo Home; Mrs. W. E. Sherwood, Buffalo Home. Conference Boards of Nine: Dr. Master of Michigan, Mr. Geo. O. Robinson, Mrs. Jennie Steinhoff and Mrs. J. S. Vernor of Detroit, Mrs. F. A. Arter and Mrs. M. C. Hickman of East Ohio, Mrs. B. S. Potter of Illinois, Mrs. S. Hazlett of Pittsburg, Mrs. R. W. P. Goff of Philadelphia, Mrs. J. I. Boswell of Newark; Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Rust and Mrs. Robinson, representatives of the Board of Trustees of Washington Home.

Mrs. Robinson, Secretary of the Bureau of Deaconess Work, presented a most encouraging report, setting forth the work accomplished in the past three years. We now have ten Homes while the work is opening up in other cities. In San Francisco a hospital is projected in connection with the Deaconess Work. The action of the General Conference endorsing and commending the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was most highly appreciated, being of the utmost importance to the success of our Deaconess Work.

On motion of Mrs. Griffith, the report was unanimously adopted, and the doxology was sung.

Mrs. Rust said that requests for aid in opening up Deaconess Work had come to her from several cities.

Dr. Dalby, Superintendent of the Lucy Webb Hayes Deaconess Home, said that all professions and occupations demand a certain preparation. If the Woman's Home Missionary Society would succeed, its workers must be prepared. This is not wasted time; better one well equipped worker than a dozen undisciplined ones. The Church at large is recognizing the need of trained workers. Without any desire to antagonize other similar institutions, it was deemed expedient by this Society to locate the one training school at the national capital. Besides the regular *corps* of seven teachers, clergymen of various denominations residing in the city lend their aid as lecturers. About thirty non-resident clergymen and professors are engaged to give lectures during the coming winter. Instruction is also given in cooking and other industrial arts. Thus we are combining theory and practice, and above all seeking for spiritual power. Our greatest need is the concentration, sympathy, and prayers of this Society.

Mrs. Robinson stated that the four members of the General Executive Board united in the belief that Washington was the place for opening up such a Training School as has been established there; that one teacher is giving her time and labor without remuneration, paying her entire expenses. Mrs. Robinson also said that the pioneers of a work are often forgotten in its success, and referred to Mrs. Marcy as one of the prime movers in the work of the Chicago Training School.

Mrs. Marcy said that the Chicago Training School originated in the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Provision was made at one of the earliest Annual Meetings at Cincinnati, and a committee appointed to select a site in Chicago, and an appropriation of \$1,000 was made by that Meeting before the proposition was brought out by anyone else, either in

the papers or in the preachers' meeting in Chicago, and \$200 were raised by Evanston before any money was raised anywhere else.

Mrs. Davis announced that the special features of the work would be presented by Mr. G. O. Robinson, Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, and others who would discuss the methods of organizing and incorporating Deaconess Homes.

The following resolution offered by Mrs. D. A. Minard was adopted :

"WHEREAS, The Lucy Webb Hayes Bible School and Deaconess Home, under the wise and careful management of the President, Dr. I. N. Dalby, meets a long-felt want of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, therefore

"Resolved, That we give our hearty co-operation and concentrated efforts to its support."

Mr. G. O. Robinson was introduced and spoke concerning the Detroit Home. As a member of the Advisory Board of the Deaconess Home in Detroit, he had been deeply impressed with the importance of the work and the need of definitely arranged action. A difficulty arose. Law 310 of the Session Laws of 1887 was just the law under which the Detroit Home could be organized. Articles of Incorporation provide for a body of eighteen Trustees, consisting of clergymen and ladies. Under this law the Trustees had to be elected by an outside body. The corporation can hold real estate to the amount of \$500,000, and a like amount of personal property. The Woman's Home Missionary Society and the Board of Nine are to elect the Board of Trustees. In addition an advisory board was elected. Also every auxiliary was requested to send a representative who should be a duly accredited member. Later it was thought advisable to give them the right to vote on all things relating to directing the workers, Superintendent, etc., thus making in all about forty active workers in the matter of carrying on the work of the Detroit Home.

Mrs. Goff stated the manner in which the Conference Board of Nine and the Woman's Home Missionary Society carried on the work in Philadelphia. Philadelphia had a thoroughly equipped department of Local Work and out of this grew the Deaconess Work in that city. The Advisory Board consists of a representative for every ten members in each auxiliary. The act of incorporation includes the right to establish and care for any number of Deaconess Homes within the bounds of Philadelphia Conference, acting in strict accordance with the Discipline. The Woman's Home Missionary Society owns and has entire control of the Home, the Board of Nine examining candidates and receiving a report from the Society each month. Discussion followed.

The noon hour of prayer having arrived, Dr. Dalby led in a brief prayer.

On request of Mrs. Aldrich, Mr. Swarthout spoke concerning the incorporation of the projected Home in Grand Rapids, and the discussion was continued.

Mrs. Robinson called attention to two points, viz. : The Philadelphia ladies have full control of the work, the property being deeded directly to them by a generous donor ; but in a majority of cases, the representa-

tives of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and Board of Nine have not the full control of the Deaconess Work, the property being held by Trustees.

Mrs. Minard stated that the Board of the Buffalo Home included a representative from each church in the city, but that it was under the patronage of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, help being received from various organizations of the Church.

Miss Gaddis presented the report concerning Deaconess garb. Although at first opposed to it, the deaconesses have found it very desirable, first, as a protection; second, as an introduction; third, for the sake of economy; fourth, because it promotes a feeling of unity among the workers.

Mrs. C. B. Fisk said that she came to the platform unwillingly, but had been repaid and inspired by the earnestness apparent upon the faces before her. She gratefully appreciated the encouraging words which the gentlemen had spoken concerning the Deaconess Work.

Miss Susie Sewall of Minneapolis was appointed on the Committee on Resolutions, in place of Mrs. Van BenSchoten, who had left the convention.

Meetings of committees were then called and announcements made.

Dr. Master, of the Board of Control of the Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home, to be located in Grand Rapids, was introduced, and after the singing of the doxology, pronounced the benediction, and the session adjourned.

Tuesday Afternoon.

In the absence of Mrs. Davis, who was in attendance upon a called meeting of the General Executive Board, Mrs. C. B. Fisk took the chair and led the devotional exercises. "Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove," was sung and all joined in repeating the Lord's prayer.

The minutes of the morning session read by Mrs. H. D. Ferguson were corrected and adopted.

Mrs. Fisk requested Mrs. J. B. Robinson to take charge of the exercises of the afternoon. Mrs. Robinson called for the report of the Baltimore Deaconess Home,* which was given by Mrs. J. A. Richardson. The report was adopted.

The report of the Brooklyn Home* was presented by Mrs. J. Q. Maynard. Report adopted.

The Buffalo Home* was reported by Mrs. A. C. Minard. Miss Smith, Superintendent of the Home, said the workers have so much of true Christian joy that all idea of sacrifice is banished amid the satisfaction and delight of trying to have God's will done, as it is done in heaven. Report adopted.

Mrs. Shedd then favored the convention with a solo, "Arise, he call-eth for thee."

Dr. Dalby reported for Des Moines, Ia.* Mrs. Griffith commended the work of Miss Howard, the deaconess, who had been sent to that city. Report adopted.

Miss L. A. Gaddis reported for the Detroit Home.* Mr. G. O. Robinson was called for and said no branch of Home Missionary work brings greater results. The deaconesses make great sacrifice and are grand workers. Report adopted.

The report of the Grand Rapids Home* was presented by Mrs. W. J. Aldrich. She said she hoped one year ago when she invited the convention here to be able to entertain some of the delegates in the Home, but had been obliged to make haste slowly. She expressed the hope that some of the Conferences would name rooms in the projected Home. Mr. E. Swarthout, Secretary of the Association, spoke of the proposed Home, the estimated cost of which is \$8,000, and said the building will doubtless be under way in the early spring of 1893. Report adopted.

Mrs. Griffith offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That, in consideration of the very great spiritual and social blessings which we have enjoyed in this convention in Grand Rapids, we, as officers and delegates, by our own personal gifts, will raise \$100 during the year and name a room in the Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home of this city.

The report of the Philadelphia Home* was called and given by Mrs. R. W. P. Goff. Report adopted.

Mrs. Schoyer gave a verbal report of the Pittsburg Home.* She was followed by Mrs. Van Vradenburg, Superintendent, who gave a detailed report of the work during the year. Mrs. Hazlett supplemented the report with encouraging words. The reports were adopted.

Mrs. Potter stated that a resolution was passed at the session of the Illinois Conference inviting the Woman's Home Missionary Society to establish a Home as soon as practicable within its bounds, and a Board of Nine was appointed to further the interests of the work.

The Superintendent's report of the Syracuse Home* was read by Mrs. Brownell, and was adopted.

Mrs. Roach gave a verbal report of the Home at Washington.* Report adopted.

Mrs. Potter moved that the room selected in the Aldrich Memorial Home by this convention bear the name of Clinton B. Fisk. Carried. Mrs. Fisk feelingly responded and said that among Gen. Fisk's last words were these: "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

One verse of "My country, 'tis of thee," was sung, after which Mrs. Marcy told of the Congress of Missionary Workers which is to be held in Chicago during the World's Fair. All Missionary Societies throughout the world are expected to be represented. A local committee of twenty-five from the different denominations have the matter in charge. Mrs.

* This report will be found in the report of the Bureau for Deaconess Work.

Marcy desired that a small committee with discretionary power be appointed by this body, to represent the interests of the Society.

Mrs. Potter moved that Mrs. Marcy be allowed to name the Committee. Carried.

Mrs. Fisk then read a circular letter which described the object and aims of the proposed Missionary Congress.

Mrs. Marcy said she had proposed to the committee that Mrs. J. B. Robinson give an address on Deaconess Work, during the Congress.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Master.

Tuesday Evening.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Davis. Mrs. Minard read the Scripture lesson and led in an earnest prayer, after which the audience joined in singing "One more day's work for Jesus."

Rev. Dr. Potts, Editor of the *Michigan Christian Advocate*, was introduced. He thought if it is important to save heathen abroad it is equally important to save heathen at home. Among the best agencies for carrying the gospel to the masses are the Woman's Home Missionary Society and the Deaconess movement. At the last General Conference, an effort was made to separate the Deaconess work from this Society, but it cannot well be separated. These two get on so well together, why not let them be united.

The resolution providing for their separation appeared at General Conference. Some one moved to table it, and on to the table it went. He hoped it will stay there a thousand years. He read the object of the Society from the Constitution, and the duty of Deaconesses from the Discipline, and said he thought the purposes of the two were sufficiently similar to justify their union.

Mrs. Fife favored the audience with a beautiful solo, "The Better Land."

Mrs. Davis introduced Mrs. I. N. Dalby, who has charge of the domestic part of the Memorial Home at Washington. Mrs. Dalby spoke of God's hand in leading her in this special work, and of her efforts to make a happy home for the students and deaconesses, keeping but one servant and receiving willing co-operation from the members of the Home.

Mrs. Robinson commended Mrs. Dalby's excellent management of the Home, and cited an instance where the pleasure and gratification of some guests whom she entertained last winter found expression in a pledge of \$500 to aid the work.

Rev. Dr. Master, of Kalamazoo, spoke earnestly of the rewards and punishments as referred to in St. Matthew, 25th chapter, conditioned upon feeding the hungry and clothing the naked.

Mr. G. O. Robinson gave words of cheer and encouragement.

Dr. Dalby presented the claim of the paper "The Deaconess at Work," in a very enthusiastic way, and explained his plan for forming a stock company to publish the paper. Mrs. Potter made a few stirring remarks in support of his plan.

After singing, the meeting was dismissed with the benediction.

Wednesday Morning.

The hymn, "How sweet the name of Jesus sounds," was sung and prayer was offered by Mrs. Marcy. Mrs. Davis occupied the chair. Before entering upon the regular order of exercises, Mrs. Springer submitted the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, 1. That Miss Cummings, of Erie Conference, bear our loving greetings and deepest sympathy to Mrs. C. V. Culver, in her sore bereavement in the absence from her home of her beloved mother.

2. That we mourn the departure of dear Sister E. E. Royer to her heavenly home, feeling our loss to be irreparable, as her useful life is beyond compare to us; yet while we weep we tender our profound sympathy to the kindred and friends, till we all are at home with our Lord.

3. That we request Mrs. Roberts, of Nebraska, to carry our love and sympathy to our heroic and successful co-laborer, Mrs. Angie F. Newmau, as she is patiently suffering God's will, in her conflict between life and death.

4. That we give the tenderest sympathy to dear Sister J. I. Boswell, who has watched her father's flight to the eternal city since we last met in Annual Meeting.

The minutes of the afternoon session read by Mrs. Dwight were corrected and adopted. Mrs. Griffith read the minutes of the evening session, which were adopted.

Reports of Conference Corresponding Secretaries were presented by Mrs. Roberts for North Nebraska, by Mrs. Fisk for New Jersey, by Mrs. Clough for Colorado, by Mrs. Johnson for Louisiana, by Mrs. McBride for Kansas, by Mrs. Provine for East Tennessee, by Mrs. Squire for Central Ohio, by Mrs. Benham for Genesee, by Miss Cummings for Erie, by Mrs. Tomkinson for Central Pennsylvania, by Mrs. Hollister for Detroit, and by Mrs. Springer for Little Rock. These reports indicated gratifying progress made during the year as the result of earnest, faithful work on the part of the Conferences represented, and were adopted.

The hymn "How tedious and tasteless the hours" was sung.

Mrs. Albright offered the following, which, on motion, was adopted:

Resolved, That each Conference Secretary pledge herself to secure within the bounds of her Conference \$100, or more, as a Special Fund to be applied to the payment of a missionary's salary.

On motion, it was voted that Mrs. Norton, of Albuquerque, should present the report of the Conference Society of New Mexico the first thing in the afternoon.

Mrs. Tomkinson submitted the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That all leaflets containing statistics or statements of facts relating to the present condition of any field of work be dated.

Mrs. Clark moved that the regular order be suspended to hear the report of the Bureau for Alaska. This motion prevailed, and as Mrs. Daggett, the Secretary, who had recently returned from Alaska, was suffering from cold, she requested the Recording Secretary to read her report, which proved to be of much interest, and strong in its plea for work among the neglected people of the Aleutian Islands.

On motion of Mrs. Clark, the report was laid on the table pending the reading of the report of General Conference embodying certain resolutions in regard to the Amendment to the Constitution. Mrs. Fisk asked if the subject matter was not embodied in the resolution adopted unanimously at a previous session of this convention. Mrs. Potter, Secretary, read the resolution, which had been adopted.*

In answer to a question, Mrs. Daggett stated that she had not made application to the Government since the late General Conference for money to sustain schools. She had previously received the promise of the sum of \$2,000 to pay the salaries of missionaries.

Mrs. McCabe then submitted the following preamble and resolutions :

WHEREAS, The late General Conference by its action endorsed the XVI Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and requested the missionary societies working under its sanction or control to decline to receive from the National Government any money for educational work among the Indians, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we, as Methodist women, loyal to the Methodist Episcopal Church, can do no other than discontinue to receive all aid from the Treasury of the United States for religious and educational work.

2. That while we endorse the wisdom of the action of the General Conference, it is with the deepest regret that we renounce the long cherished purpose of erecting the Jesse Lee Memorial Home in Unalaska.

Pending their consideration, the noon-tide of prayer was observed, Mrs. Goff voicing the petition of the meeting to the throne of grace. "Come, thou Fount of every blessing" was sung.

The first resolution was then discussed by Mesdames Goff, Albright, Allen, Potter, Fisk, Clark, Daggett, Everett, Marcy and others.

By the courtesy of the convention, Mrs. Robinson, who was about to leave for her home, was granted permission to present the following, which, on motion, was adopted :

WHEREAS, On page 39 of the Tenth Annual Report of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, there are found six recommendations respecting certain changes in the Constitution, which were constitutionally proposed and adopted at the last meeting of the Board of Managers to be presented to the General Conference of 1892, and

WHEREAS, Through a misapprehension of duties on the part of different officers of the Society to whom these recommendations were committed, they were not presented, and

*This is found in the Minutes of Friday morning, page 18.—Ed.

WHEREAS, Our legal adviser has stated that the Society is able to introduce changes that will accomplish in part the result sought for and to present these for ratification to the next General Conference, therefore,

Resolved, That these recommendations be so made effective by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and it be made the business of the General Executive Board to carry out these changes and present them for ratification to the General Conference of 1896.

The discussion on the first resolution submitted by Mrs. McCabe was continued until Mrs. Hollister moved the previous question, which motion was carried, and the vote was made in the affirmative on the first resolution.

The second resolution was discussed and the following substitute was adopted :

Resolved, That the General Executive Board be instructed to devise some way, if practicable, by which the work in Unalaska shall be continued.

"How sweet the name of Jesus sounds" was sung, Mrs. Roach and Mrs. Richardson kindly continuing to lead the singing. Adjournment was then taken for luncheon.

Wednesday Afternoon.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Davis. Singing by the Fisk Jubilee Singers was followed by prayer offered by Mrs. M. E. Roberts.

Mrs. Williams stated that this morning her hostess and her sisters placed in her hand \$20, and she moved that Mrs. Gould, wife of the pastor of this church, be made a life member of the Society. Carried.

It was stated by Mrs. Hickman that Mrs. F. A. Arter has given to the Society \$350 at one time, and she moved that Mrs. Arter be made Honorary Patron of the Society. Mrs. Arter said that this was a great surprise to her. Mrs. Fisk requested that Mrs. Arter have her maiden name, Eliza Kingsley Arter, entered upon our list, that the name of our beloved Bishop Kingsley may be remembered. Mrs. Arter had also given at another time \$100, and, on motion, Mrs. Hickman was made Honorary Manager, and from the same gifts, Rev. A. M. Gould and his daughter, Miss Carrie Gould, on motion of Mrs. Springer, were made life members of the Society. By the gift of \$400 by the Michigan Conference, on motion, Mrs. Knappen was made Honorary Patron and Mrs. Masters Honorary Manager of the Society.

On motion of Mrs. Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Woodbury were made Honorary Patrons, the requisite amount having been paid by a friend.

Mrs. Rust called attention to the Quadrennial Report, stating that Conference Secretaries were welcome to take as many as they could sell for five cents each.

Mrs. Norton presented the report of the New Mexico Conference, where we have two important missions. Adopted.

Mrs. Daggett presented the following telegram :

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 1, 1892.

Commissioner of Education never directly or indirectly promised you or your Board more than two thousand dollars a year.

[Signed]

J. W. HOLCOMB, Chief Clerk.

Mrs. Minard read a letter from the Baltimore Deaconess Home, and offered the following resolution from the "Deaconess Bureau" which was adopted :

WHEREAS, The Woman's Home Missionary Society has found that its Deaconess Homes, with the exception of one, have obtained sufficient support through the use of its auxiliaries for collecting funds, and the gifts of its friends; and

WHEREAS, In the near future a more immediate connection is contemplated by which the Homes shall be connected with the general treasury; therefore

Resolved, That should any Homes connected with us meet with any special exigency, the Woman's Home Missionary Society would at once be in sympathy with such a Home and on application to the Executive Board measures will be taken to effectively give relief.

Mrs. Minard also read a letter from the Cleveland Deaconess Home presenting the institution to the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which was cheerfully welcomed into our Society.

Mrs. Boswell suggested that the utmost care and economy be used in the management of our Deaconess Homes.

The report of the Committee on Nomination was made by Mrs. Goff, and the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Aiken, was instructed to cast the ballot for the nominees. The Chautauqua salute was given with enthusiasm and hearty good will to Mrs. John Davis on her re-election to the Presidency. In accepting the responsibilities of the office re-committed to her hands, Mrs. Davis assured the ladies in a few tender words that she would carry to her lonely home the remembrance of this proof of their esteem and confidence. The Recording Secretary then cast the ballot for the Vice-presidents, Honorary Vice-presidents, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Managers. Mrs. Ferguson, as instructed, cast the ballot for the Recording Secretary.

On motion, the report was adopted. [The names of the officers elected are found on page 2 of this Report.]

Mrs. Aiken submitted for Mrs. Robinson, Chairman of the Committee to report the status of Honorary Vice-presidents as per resolution of the last Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, found on page 36 of the Tenth Annual Report, the following recommendations :

1. That the term of office be for ten years from time of election.
2. That Honorary Vice-presidents be entitled to a seat on the floor, a voice in discussion but not a vote as to results.
3. That the names of Honorary Vice-presidents be proposed at meetings of the General Board of Managers, and elected by the same.
4. That these qualifications be embodied in a by-law and so be preserved.

These recommendations were considered item by item and adopted as submitted with the exception of the third one, which was amended and adopted as follows:

That the names of Honorary Vice-presidents be proposed at meetings of the General Board of Managers through the Committee on Nomination, and be elected by that body.

On motion of Mrs. Williams, the relation of Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk was changed from Honorary Vice-president to that of provisional manager of the Board.

Mrs. Fisk moved that the name of Mrs. Bishop Hurst be substituted for her own in the list of Honorary Vice-presidents, and the motion prevailed.

In harmony with By-law 23 for Bureaus, Mrs. Aiken presented the names of Secretaries of Bureaus, and they were confirmed.

A duet, "Home at Last," was sung by Rev. A. M. Gould and Miss Carrie Gould.

Mrs. Potter offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That this convention expresses sincere sympathy with the family of Mrs. Sarah Capps of Jacksonville, Ill., which since our last meeting has been bereft of her saintly presence, and trusts that her mantle of love for our work may fall upon the beloved daughters she has left that they may carry on the work she so greatly loved.

On motion, it was directed that a resolution of thanks be conveyed to the Board of Trade in appreciation of the beautiful souvenirs, "Views of Grand Rapids," received by the delegates and visitors.

It was moved by Mrs. Williams that Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Rust, and Mrs. Fisk be charged with the duty of transmitting the list of our appropriations to the Missionary Committee soon to meet in Baltimore. Carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Rust that the same Committee communicate with the Missionary Committee in regard to future work in Alaska. Carried.

Mrs. Aiken stated that no report had yet been received from Mrs. McDowell, Secretary of the Bureau for Home Missionary Lectures and Reading Circle, and that she had resigned her office because of the pressure of work as Corresponding Secretary for Colorado Conference. This decision was received with regret. She farther stated that leaflets had been received from Mrs. McDowell and could be had by all who desired them.

The banner was awarded to Northern New York Conference for having the largest number of readers—83.

The report of the Committee on Place of Meeting presented invitations from Chattanooga, Tenn.; Toledo, O.; Des Moines and Anamosa, Ia. The majority vote favored Chattanooga, but upon receipt of information from the legal adviser of the Society, that in view of possible proposed changes in the Articles of Incorporation of the Society, the next convention should be held within the State of Ohio, it was decided to reconsider this action and, on motion, the invitation from Toledo was accepted.

The General Executive Board, through its Special Committee on

"Division of the Work" (consisting of Mesdames Davis, Clark, Rust, Aiken, and the following ladies representing the General Conference Districts of the Methodist Episcopal Church: Mesdames D. L. Brown, E. W. Simpson, W. H. Pierce, F. A. Arter, L. E. Prentiss, Lillian Hollister, R. B. Van Ness, I. D. Wilttrout, S. E. Miller, B. S. Potter, S. Johnson, R. W. P. Goff, J. A. Clough, also Mesdames Albright, Williams, Roach, McCabe, Ocumpaugh and Kent, as representatives-at-large), submitted recommendations* through the Secretary of the Committee, Mrs. Brown, which, on motion of Mrs. McBride, were considered item by item.

Discussion confirmed the belief that this additional agency proposed for securing organization and gathering funds will bring into active co-operation a large number of women in different sections of the country, and make centers of influence and responsibility, and thereby increase the efficiency and power for good of the Society. The first recommendation was adopted.

In discussion on the second recommendation, some of the ladies desired that "Bureau of Conferences," others that "Union of Conferences," be substituted for *Conference Union* as recommended, but the majority vote favored the adoption of the item as presented.

The third, fourth, fifth and sixth recommendations were adopted, and, on motion, the report was adopted as a whole.

Mrs. Marcy moved that all matters of vital importance involving any change in the Society shall be published in the *Woman's Home Missions* three months before action shall be taken. This raised some spirited discussion and was carried by a small majority, whereupon Mrs. Ocumpaugh immediately moved a reconsideration during the evening session, and the motion prevailed.

Mrs. Fisk presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions, which was adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Griffith, a vote of thanks was given Mrs. E. W. Simpson who had composed a lovely song, and had it set to music and published, at her own expense, for the benefit of the Society. A vote of thanks was also unanimously given Mrs. Drake of New Jersey in appreciation of the concert exercise she had prepared for publication in *Woman's Home Missions*.

Mrs. Hollister offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the action of the General Conference (the highest legislative body of our Church) on the temperance question, we, the members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society representing one of the agencies of the Church, do most heartily endorse the World's Petition which asks that the Governments will prohibit the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors and opium.

Mrs. Griffith announced that not all of the fund for the room in the Aldrich Memorial Home had been received, and that all not paid before the close of the meeting should be sent to Mrs. Laura Aldrich, Mnskegon, Mich.

* These are found the ninth in order under the general head of "Reports from Committees."—ED.

Mrs. Potter presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the plan of the management of "Deaconess at Work" in forming a "stock company" for its publication, and that we will as workers secure as much stock as possible when the necessary papers are furnished us.

Announcements were made, the doxology was sung, and the session adjourned with the benediction by Rev. A. M. Gould.

Wednesday Evening.

The closing session opened with the President, Mrs. Davis, in the chair. "One more day's work for Jesus" was sung, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Richardson.

The minutes of the afternoon session, read by Mrs. Potter, were corrected and adopted.

Mrs. Springer presented the following resolution which, on motion, was adopted by a rising vote :

WHEREAS, Mrs. L. R. Thayer, for seven years the faithful Treasurer of the New England Conference Society, and Mrs. L. A. Roberts, many years the self-denying Treasurer of the Nebraska Conference, have been called "to join the invisible choir," in the land of eternal delight; therefore,

Resolved, That while we mingle our tears and express our sympathy with the kindred bereft, yet we thank God in Wesley's matchless words, that "Our people die well."

Mrs. Springer read a report of work accomplished during the year in organizing which, on motion of Mrs. Goff, was adopted with thanks.

Mrs. Fisk called attention to the fact that Mrs. Gould is a life member of the Society and moved that the action constituting her a life member be reconsidered in favor of making Mrs. E. G. Studley a life member. Carried.

Mrs. Goff submitted the following additional nominations on behalf of the Committee on Nominations: Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, Auditor; Mrs. H. C. McCabe, Editor of *Woman's Home Missions*, and Miss Mary Belle Evans, Publisher. These ladies were duly elected, the convention instructing the Recording Secretary to cast the ballot for each one.

The report of the Bureau for Immigrants, in the absence of its Secretary, Mrs. J. F. Willing, was read by Mrs. Aiken, and listened to with marked attention, as the record of each Home showed the prosperity which had blessed the work of this Bureau. On motion, the report was adopted.

Mrs. Mansfield expressed the thanks of the ladies connected with the East Boston Home for the sympathy and financial aid given by them, and urged that the same aid might be given the New York Home.

Mrs. Albright moved a reconsideration of the report of the Special Committee on "Division of the Work" and offered the following resolution, which after discussion was adopted :

Resolved, That the plan presented by the Committee on Division for the re-adjustment of our work be printed in circular form, and that copies be sent by the General Secretary to the Conference Secretaries for consideration, and that final action be deferred until the next Annual Meeting.

The resolution offered by Mrs. Marcy the previous session, concerning the publication of matters of vital importance in Woman's Home Missions three months in advance of presentation at Annual Meeting, was discussed, and by vote laid on the table.

The report of the Committee on By-Laws was presented by Mrs. Hollister and adopted.

Mrs. Everett called for an interpretation of the by-law concerning representatives on the Conference Board, according to the number of members in any given auxiliary. Explanation was given by Mrs. Rust which was accepted as the decision of the convention that by-law 8 of Conference Societies cannot be so amended as to admit of more than one delegate from each auxiliary, the basis of representation being absolutely fixed by the Constitution.

On motion of Mrs. Potter, Mrs. L. H. Daggett was elected Honorary Vice-president in consideration of her important services given the Society.

Mrs. Collins of North-west Nebraska spoke feelingly of the work of the Society in aiding the preachers of the Nebraska Conferences and asked that this help be continued. Mrs. Collins had effected 25 new organizations during the year.

Mrs. Griffith announced that the sum of \$106 had been contributed to name a room in memory of Clinton B. Fisk in the Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home.

Mrs. Marcy named the following ladies as Committee for the Woman's Missionary Congress of the Columbian Exposition: Local—Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers, Mrs. E. H. Gammon. At large—Mrs. C. B. Fisk, Mrs. J. B. Robinson and Mrs. L. D. McCabe.

Mrs. Gilbert, Secretary of the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields, presented the report, which, on motion, was adopted.

The report of the Committee on the Bureau of Supplies was read by Mrs. Griffith and adopted.

Mrs. Tomkinson submitted the report of the Committee on Lucy Webb Hayes Bible School and Deaconess Home, which was adopted.

Mrs. T. J. Everett offered the following, which, on motion, was adopted:

WHEREAS, A large proportion of our members are interested in the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and are members of those societies, therefore,

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society be instructed to confer with the proper officers of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union with a view to so fixing the dates of their respective annual meetings that they shall not conflict.

Mrs. Aiken presented the following, which was adopted, with the amendment that Mrs. Aiken be included:

Resolved, That the convention join in returning a vote of thanks to

Mrs. Aiken, the Recording Secretary, and to the assistant secretaries for their efficient co-operation in recording the proceedings of the meeting.

The report of the Committee on the Press, read by Mrs. McCabe, was adopted.

Mrs. Davis, the President, then spoke a few closing words in which she said no convention in America or the whole world could be more faithful than this, for it has been in session nearly every hour for a week. We have been blest. We may never meet again here, but we say good-bye as Christians, we shall meet in Christ's kingdom.

The minutes of the evening session, read by Mrs. Ferguson, were corrected and adopted.

Mrs. Ocumpaugh took charge of the final devotional services and in earnest words said, We asked for God's guidance when we came together and now that the work of this convention is over, we bring ourselves and all our plans and beseech his guidance for another year.

The hymn, "He leadeth me," was sung, and Mrs. Arter offered a fervent prayer.

Mrs. Kent spoke of the first Annual Meeting she had attended in Cleveland, and of her enjoyment in the interchange of thoughts, hopes, and desires for the advancement of the Master's work. She missed many who have since gone "beyond the river at the call of the Master." Since Christ "came not to be ministered unto but to minister," she emphasized the need for strength and a better preparation for this willing service in his name, and urged all to join hands in work and go forward in faith, closing with "Behold thy handmaid, Lord.

Two stanzas of "Come let us use the grace divine" were sung, and Mrs. Ocumpaugh offered a most impressive prayer. "Shall we gather at the river" was sweetly sung, and the Eleventh Annual Meeting adjourned. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. I. N. Dalby.

It is with pleasure we express our warm appreciation of the arrangements made for the entertainment and success of the Meeting at Grand Rapids. The cordial and generous hospitality extended in the lovely homes, the assiduous attentions of Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Gould, the multiplied courtesies of the efficient Entertainment Committee, the delightful reception at the elegant home of Mrs. M. R. Bissell, and the beautiful favors from the Board of Trade, combined to make the occasion one to be heartily enjoyed and gratefully remembered.

A bountiful lunch was served each day in the church parlors by ladies representing the following churches: Ames, Division Street, Dickenson Avenue, East Street, Joy Memorial, Plainfield Avenue and Second Street.

MRS. F. A. AIKEN, *Recording Secretary.*

MRS. B. S. POTTER,

MRS. W. C. HERRON,

MRS. H. D. FERGUSON,

MRS. A. E. DWIGHT,

} *Assistants.*

Report of the Corresponding Secretary,

MRS. R. S. RUST.

TIME, in its rapid flight, has brought us to the close of another year, the twelfth in the history of our Society. These annual gatherings come so quickly, that we can scarcely close up the duties of one year, before we become deeply involved in the demands of another. But while the years roll on, and so many of our associates pass home to their rest, our sorrow is alleviated, and our faith sustained in the ultimate triumphs of the Cross, and in the coming of others to fill the stricken ranks. We rejoice in the achievements of the past and the outlook of the present; that the feet of the reapers press closely upon the heels of the sowers; that Christian intelligence is spreading, and that the gospel of Christ is chasing away the darkness of heathenism, and filling the world with light and love.

Though death has not, during the year, entered the homes of any of our general officers, yet we miss from the meeting to-day one of our managers, Mrs. J. W. Gosling, whose husband, in early summer, went home to heaven. In the Conference Societies four of the officers have laid aside their earthy armor, and have joined the conquering hosts above: Mrs. Thayer, of New England, distinguished for the devotion to this cause; Mrs. Royer, of Detroit, for her wise and generous co-operation; Mrs. Downs, of New Jersey, and Mrs. Roberts, of Nebraska, for their ability and efficiency. Seven in the Conference and district organizations have been afflicted by severe illness during the year. When we remember that in our seventy-four Conference Societies there are not less than 1,500 official members, a large proportion of whom have passed the prime of life, it is a subject for rejoicing that so many have been spared so long for the Master's service.

The Corresponding Secretary, in this report, will call attention to the new missions established, indicate opportunities for usefulness, and make such recommendations as have seemed essential in a general survey of the field. The sixteen Bureau Secretaries will, in their reports, furnish details in regard to the work of the several missions—our entire Home Missionary field being included in these Bureaus.

In response to urgent appeals for help in various sections of our country, we have inaugurated all the enterprises that our collections and donations would allow. Our ability to help must be limited by the gifts of our friends. We must not, under any circumstances, allow our Society to be involved in debt, and become crippled in its influence and usefulness.

We must adhere more closely than ever to our avowed purpose of developing and strengthening the work already undertaken, rather than that of the establishment of new enterprises, however great their urgency or importance.

Exception must of necessity be made in the erection of buildings for mission purposes, for which special funds have been contributed, and in behalf of the establishment of Deaconess Homes, which may be offered us by the Local Boards, and which are essential to the efficiency of our enterprise in cities.

NEW MISSIONS.

At Morristown, Tenn., industrial work has been carried on by our teachers in the college buildings for several years. The founding of an Industrial Home here has been the special work of the New Jersey Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society. Last fall, the money for this object having been secured, \$4,000 was appropriated for the enterprise. Mrs. James Kent made the contracts and superintended the erection of the building. The work is associated with the Morristown Seminary, and the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society gave us a fine site for the Home on the adjoining campus. The building is well adapted to the work, accommodates a family of twenty, and presents a graceful architectural appearance. It was dedicated on the 6th of October with appropriate services, and opens with a large number of promising girls.

Morristown has two thousand inhabitants. This section is mountainous, with only two hundred and fifty thousand people dwelling within a radius of fifty miles. Three-fifths of the population of school age (from six to twenty-one) in the State are enrolled in schools. These are poor, and the attendance irregular.

At Ocala, Fla., mission-work was opened last year in a rented building. An appropriation of \$4,000 for a Home and furnishing was made by the General Board of Managers, on condition that the money be raised for this object. The Home is a plain building, and will accommodate twenty girls.

Ocala has a population of 2,904, is seventy miles south of Jacksonville, where are located Boylan Home and Cookman College. Florida is sparsely settled, having a population of only 391,422, less than either of several of our cities, and less than seven to the square mile. In the section of the State from fifty miles north of Ocala, extending south three hundred and fifty miles, there are 140,000 people.

Florida has 86,000 pupils, more than one-fifth of the whole population of the State enrolled in schools, 32,593 being colored, and 53,417 white. The special object of the enterprise at Ocala is to furnish industrial training for girls, although school facilities are also provided.

At Speedwell, near Savannah, a house to accommodate a missionary, a small family, and a day-school, is in process of erection. This is pronounced by those in charge a most interesting and promising mission.

In the San Juan Valley, the mission among the Navajoes was opened,

October, 1891, by Mrs. Mary L. Eldridge and Miss M. E. Raymond. Miss Raymond was chosen by the Government for Field Matron service, and Miss Tripp takes her place. A cottage for the mission has been erected.

The Navajoes, though to some extent nomadic, receive no aid from Government, are self-supporting, industrious, and gladly accept instruction. The missionaries have visited extensively among them. Of eighty-five families visited, none were living in houses, and only seventeen in hogans or tepees. They instructed them in housekeeping, gardening, the laws of health, and the best methods of taking care of the sick. Their success in treating the sick has secured for them the confidence and friendship of the Indians. They have received visits from 3,940, and have instructed many in the elements of the English language.

At Dulce, New Mexico, an addition has been made to the Apache mission-building, a Church class organized, and several of the natives have been converted.

At Baltimore, the Deaconess Home, under consideration by the Conference Board a year ago, has been established upon a permanent basis, placed under the supervision of our Society, and is conducted by deaconesses from the Washington Home.

At Brooklyn, the Deaconess Home, in whose behalf a movement was inaugurated last year, has been started, and is now rendering efficient service. The work is associated with that of the Working Girls' Club and other local missionary agencies. It is our aim to centralize various agencies in the mission at important points, that we may increase our influence and strength.

At Des Moines, Iowa, a promising Deaconess Work has been commenced under the superintendence of a deaconess from Washington, while in several other localities the field is ready for us to enter with trained workers, Conference Boards having invited the Woman's Home Missionary Society to provide for the work as soon as practicable.

In Philadelphia, a large dwelling-house has been donated to the Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society for a Deaconess Home, estimated to be worth fifteen thousand dollars. This noble gift places the work there on a sure foundation, furnishes excellent accommodation for a large number of workers, and provides facilities for reaching the neglected portions of this great city.

At Grand Rapids, Mich., a site has been selected, funds collected by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and it is expected that a Deaconess Home will be erected here next summer, and placed under the control of the Conference Board of Nine, as provided by Discipline.

At Glenn Home, in addition to the missionary and evangelistic work described in our last report, a Department of Domestic Science has this year been introduced. Last January, three teachers, graduates of the Boston Cooking School, were secured. The object of the enterprise is the introduction of industrial teaching into the public schools of the city. The effort has resulted in the approval and support of domestic work in the high schools, by the City Board. A Normal School of Domestic Sci-

ence is contemplated, that will prepare teachers for the schools of the city. It is conceded that a large proportion of the poverty and wretchedness that curse humanity is caused by ignorance of the principles of economy and the laws of health, in the selection and preparation of food and in the essential elements of housekeeping. Education being compulsory nearly everywhere, the masses of the people can be reached with this instruction most successfully through the public schools. Guided by missionary impulse, the city, through its public school fund, is laying broad and deep foundations for missionary enterprise. The work reaches all classes, and is essentially in the interest of temperance and morality.

Local work is becoming systematized and effective. The Bureau of Local Work authorizes the inauguration of such missionary movements in cities and large towns as our Society may appropriately enter upon. When these missions take definite form, they are placed under Local Boards of Management, in the form of Deaconess Homes, under the provisions of the Discipline, or, in the care of Special Committees, as the Immigrants' Home, Boston, or Glenn Home, in Cincinnati.

An interesting illustration of the utility of deaconesses for local work has been furnished in Vermont and New Hampshire among manufacturing communities, where, last summer, a deaconess from the Training School at Washington inaugurated a most successful itinerant mission service.

In the tier of States from Maine to the Mississippi River the populations are rapidly changing in character, from the influx of foreigners and the emigration westward of native-born citizens. In these States half of the voting population, and in the cities a much larger proportion of it, is foreign by birth or parentage, and has little sympathy with our Protestant Christian institutions. Municipal governments throughout these States are largely in the hands of those who recognize supreme allegiance to the Church of Rome. Under such circumstances it is extremely difficult to maintain the Church, especially in New England, where the rural districts are thinly populated, and the manufacturing towns and cities are filled with foreign workmen.

The successful experiment of itinerant missionary work by a woman, in this section, is encouraging. With practical training for such service, including the arts of the trained nurse and the industrial teacher, consecrated women would easily win the confidence and love of the people, and could reach them in their homes with spiritual advice and a variety of helpful influences. The service would be economical, and might profitably supplement the efforts of the regular ministry.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR MISSIONARIES.

The Lucy Webb Hayes Bible-school at Washington was opened a year ago. Under the management of the superintendent, Dr. I. N. Dalby, and wife, assisted by a competent corps of instructors and an efficient and faithful Local Committee, the Home has achieved great success. It has laid deep and broad foundations for the future. Its influence is widely felt through the missionaries and deaconesses trained in the school.

The accommodations are inadequate. The house is full, and many others desire to avail themselves of its advantages. There is unoccupied ground for sale adjoining the Home; but it is rapidly increasing in value, and unless secured soon, will be beyond our reach. Will not some one give us the necessary funds to purchase and build? The Training-school is vital to the success of the work our Society has taken in hand. Our missionaries must be taught the best methods of reaching the masses, and of awakening hopes of a better life. They must be fruitful in resources, know how to alleviate suffering, and aid in the struggle for subsistence and respectability.

The course of study is systematic and complete, and embraces a period of two years. This time may be abbreviated according to the ability and previous education of the student.

It includes Bible Study, Christian Evidence, Church History, Sociology, Christian and Social Ethics, a Medical Course, Physical Culture, Domestic and Industrial Science, Home and Foreign Mission-fields, and Music.

Skill in the art of housekeeping, and elementary knowledge of the healing art, are essential to the success of a Home Missionary. When she enters the homes of poverty and wretchedness, she must be able to advise intelligently in practical as well as in spiritual things. Instructors in our Industrial Schools and Model Homes, where cooking, sewing, millinery, and dress-making are taught, must be thoroughly trained for their work.

The establishment and maintenance of a Training-school involves expense, and requires special facilities in libraries, lectures, and such co-operating agencies as can be found in only a few of our large cities. Washington, more than any other city, is rich in these institutions, provided by Government at a cost of millions of dollars, and all are free to our students. It is the plan of our Society, as far as possible, to have its missionaries and deaconesses for its various fields trained here. The cost of transportation will be less than to provide a course of instruction in several Deaconess Homes, while the correspondence and intercommunication involved will act as a bond of union, and promote greater efficiency and zeal among our workers all over the land. This Training-school is national in its scope, and appeals for patronage and support to the liberality and sympathy of the entire Church.

INDUSTRIAL HOMES. .

The statistical reports of our seventy missionaries and teachers laboring in the South and West in industrial and day schools give the leading facts of their work. The numberless details of instruction, and the more subtle influences that are equally potent to elevate and mold character, can not be tabulated.

The Industrial Schools have enrolled 2,760 pupils, and for industries alone, 3,270. Number of days taught, 18,900; number of lessons given to sewing classes, 5,240; number of Bible-readings, 4,320; visits to the sick

and needy, 8,700. The workers have held 9,870 Sunday School services, Temperance and Young People's Meetings, and have distributed 4,802 articles of clothing, and 17,800 books, tracts and leaflets.

The influence for good of the Model Home on the character of girls coming from cabin life and the poor associations of the plantation is of untold value, in preparing them to meet successfully life's trials and duties. The social life and discipline of the Home, and contact with cultivated teachers, tend to develop a higher type of womanhood. Miss Flora Mitchel, for nine years Superintendent of Thayer Home, Atlanta, Ga., writing of this, says:

"I do not depreciate the value of the mental drill of the school, which is essential as a foundation to build upon; but the benefit to the girl in reliable character, is in proportion to the length of time she is in the Home." Another fact which she desires to impress is, that "student aid is a profitable investment of money." Illustrating the influence of the Home, she gives incidents of the history of several girls, as follows:

"Emma Garnett Young, of the class of 1887, has taught five years in Selma, Alabama, and has been an inspiration for good in the community. On Saturdays and Sundays she organized and taught industrial classes, missionary and temperance work, and Sabbath Schools; has bought and furnished a comfortable home for her mother; was married January, 1892, to Professor Young, a graduate of Central Tennessee College, then principal of public schools in Birmingham, Alabama. He has been elected Professor of History and Literature in Tuskegee College, and Emma, matron, with 267 boys under her charge. Emma was a beneficiary of the Young Ladies' Society of Evanston, Ill.

"Laura E. Samuel, of the same class, taught several years in the public schools of Georgia, and for the past four years in Selma, Alabama, a position she still holds. She has aided a brother and sister in school, is a young woman of unusual personal attraction, and an earnest worker for the uplift of her people.

"Clara A. Pullen taught several years in a country school; for four years past she has had a position in Grey Street public school, of Atlanta. She is a young woman of exemplary Christian walk, and a member of Loyd Street Church, Atlanta, and is modest in dress and prompt in duty. Together with her brother, they have bought and furnished a very comfortable home for their mother.

"Martha T. Cash had taught one year in Clark University, when she went to Texas. There she passed a good examination, and has since taught in the public schools of that State, caring for her mother and an invalid brother and his family of eight children; has organized mission-work, superintended and taught Sabbath Schools; carried on the work of the farm, often going into the field herself, and sewed at nights for the children. The fall of 1891 she wrote: 'My brother is very sick and very weak. Pray for him.' The summer of 1892 she writes, 'My brother will be received into the church next Sunday;' also, 'she had a home early paid for and comfortably furnished for her mother.

"Maria Johnson O'Connel taught one year in Rust Normal Institute, two years in public school at Vicksburg, Miss., her home, where she married Rev. P. O'Connel; but the illness of her mother kept her at home another year, and she continued teaching in the public school and caring for her mother, who died the following spring, when Maria joined her husband in his work at Greensboro, S. C., where she has been a model pastor's wife, superintending her own home. She is President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of that State, and represented it in the National Convention, both in Atlanta and in Boston. She has also found time to continue the study of Greek with her husband. This year she is teaching in Bennett Seminary."

Other instances of noble Christian character and good work are given from the class of 1887, for which we have not space.

Three facts are noticeable in this history. These girls have not been in haste to marry, they have provided homes for their mothers, and they all have received beneficiary aid.

Miss Mitchel adds: "Of the forty-six girls who have been in the Thayer Home from 1884 to 1891, seventeen have married ministers; three, physicians; three, men in good Government positions; three, skilled mechanics; seventeen are still teaching; two have died, and the history of one is unknown; ten have bought or are buying homes for their mothers. Of these forty-six girls, forty-three are filling honorable and influential positions in life, twenty-eight of whom have been beneficiaries, and but for this aid could not have secured the education that enables them to do so much good.

"Two girls of the class of 1892 assist in the industrial teaching of the Home; another is teaching, to lift a mortgage of \$600 from her mother's home, and is doing good work in the Church. Equally interesting reports could be given of more than a score of girls not named."

We have similar and equally important and interesting facts furnished by the superintendents of other Homes; but space forbids their use in this paper. The Thayer Home, at Atlanta, Ga., was the first Model Home established by our Society; hence we have used it as a type of the others, which seemed better than to attempt to include all where there is not time to wholly represent one.

REPORT OF THE SOCIETY TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The work of the Church is passed in review every four years by the General Conference, and it is the duty of the several benevolent agencies to present full reports of funds raised and results secured. A carefully prepared report, in behalf of our Society, was presented by the Committee intrusted with representing its interests. This is a concise statement of the work accomplished by the Society, accompanied by thirty-five pictures of our mission buildings. The whole makes a pamphlet of thirty-six pages, and in that form is a valuable souvenir of the Society.*

* These pamphlets can be obtained by applying to the Corresponding Secretary.—ED.

GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Committee appointed to represent the Society consisted of Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk, and the Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. James Kent, Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, Secretaries of Bureaus, Mrs. S. Hamilton, Mrs. M. C. Hickman, and other ladies of the Society present, rendered most valuable aid to the cause of Home Missions.

It is due the Committee and these ladies to say that they rendered the service without cost to the Society. The Corresponding Secretary has attended all the General Conferences since its organization, and has always paid her expenses. These personal explanations are not inappropriate, as it has been assumed by some that the officers of the Society were salaried. The service is absolutely one of love, no officer receiving any compensation for her labor.

Two important mass meetings were held during the Conference in behalf of the Society; one was a Union Meeting with other Missionary Societies the 1st of May, and the other, on the 23d inst., was in the especial interest of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Both were largely attended, and were inspiring occasions. At the former, Bishop Walden represented our Society in an able and eloquent address; and at the latter meeting Mrs. Davis presided, Bishop Taylor offered prayer, Dr. J. M. King, Mrs. Jane Bancroft Robinson, and Dr. Dalby made excellent addresses, the Corresponding Secretary presented a brief report of the work of the Society, and Mrs. Clinton B. Fisk and others gave incidents of much interest.

Two questions of great significance to the Woman's Home Missionary Society were formally considered and decided by the General Conference. The first was the status of Deaconess Work under the Discipline; and the second, the use of Government funds in aid of mission schools among Indians.

DEACONESS WORK.

[*of General Conference, 1892*]
Early in the session a Special Committee was appointed by the General Conference, to which all papers, petitions, and memorials on Deaconess Work were referred. This Committee was practically unanimous in recommendations calculated to discourage the co-operation of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in Deaconess Work.

Your Committee was anxious that some plan should be provided that would shed light on the Deaconess problem, and harmonize all of its workers, so as to secure success all over the Church; and it would have been pleased if this Special Committee had invited the ladies who represented the Woman's Home Missionary Society to have met and counseled with it in regard to this great movement of Christendom, since women could not be heard in the General Conference, and the Society had half a score of Deaconess Homes under its care. Such consultation might not have affected the unanimity of the Majority Report, but it would have furnished an opportunity for a free interchange of thought

in regard to the best methods of sustaining Deaconess Work, and securing harmony among those engaged in its prosecution.

The MEMORIAL on Deaconess Work, ordered by our Board of Managers, was presented by your Committee to the General Conference, and published in the *Daily Advocate*. It stated that the position of our Society was defined by its Board of Managers, November 4, 1889, as follows:

"*Resolved*, That the Woman's Home Missionary Society hereby expresses its willingness to assume the care of Deaconess Homes wherever such Homes are intrusted to it, subject to the limitations of the Discipline, in so far and as rapidly as financial considerations will permit."

It explained that the Deaconess Homes of the Society were managed by the Local Boards, provided for by Discipline; that the money for their support, being a special fund gathered for this object, was paid directly to the Treasurer of the Local Board; and it asked that the General Conference "would preserve to the Woman's Home Missionary Society all the rights and privileges and usefulness pledged in its organization," and begged that it "would not permit any legislation that would embarrass it, or curtail its usefulness, in carrying forward its city missions and Deaconess Work so successfully inaugurated.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society, in common with many of the wisest and best thinkers in the Church, has held that control of the Deaconess Work is vested in the Annual Conferences, and that the Board of Nine, provided for by Discipline in each Conference, has the right to call to its aid any agency, whether an individual or an organization, best suited in its judgment to insure success.

Two reports came before the General Conference from the Special Committee on Deaconesses. The Majority Report was signed by all the members of the Committee excepting S. Hamilton, of Pittsburg, and C. W. Gallagher, of Appleton, Wisconsin, who signed and presented the Minority Report.

THE MAJORITY REPORT requires that "all Deaconess Homes shall be incorporated in the name of the ——— Deaconess Home of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States," forbids the organization and support of Deaconess Homes in our own country under the auspices of any benevolent society of our Church, and in foreign lands places them under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. It favors a new organization for the object, and a regular collection in the churches for its support, while such collection is denied to the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The effect of the proposed action would shut out this Society from any efficient organization in cities.

THE MINORITY REPORT asks that no action be taken that will embarrass or cripple the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the work for which it was organized and has been successfully engaged; that no new society be created for the performance of mission-work, which naturally comes within the province of, and could be accomplished by, the Woman's Home Missionary Society; it recommends that all departments of Church work be allowed to organize Homes and use deaconesses whenever the interests of the work demand and the funds of the Society will

allow, and it claims that the Discipline provides all reasonable safe-guards to all Homes organized under its provisions, control being vested in the Conference Board of Nine in each Conference.

After earnest discussion, a motion to lay both reports on the table was accepted by the mover, Mr. Hamilton, as a substitute for the Minority Report, and this motion was carried by a vote of 217 to 144. This large vote of the highest legislative authority of our Church, and the arguments of able men who interpreted the action of the last General Conference to admit the full and free co-operation of all available agencies, is a complete vindication of the position assumed by our Society.

(The Woman's Home Missionary Society is therefore at liberty to go forward in establishing its missions in cities, and Deaconess Homes wherever the Conference Boards may approve.) It cannot now be affirmed that this Society has acted without authority in taking a part in Deaconess Work, and in offering its organization to the Church for this object. The General Conference, without an act of disapproval, allows the Woman's Home Missionary Society to participate in Deaconess Work, as the Committee of Nine may desire and its funds may permit.)

THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS DECISION can hardly be estimated. Our frontier missions are well established; but for their maintenance we must depend largely upon organizations in the centers of population and wealth. Should the women in our cities connect themselves with a new society for Deaconess Work, the Woman's Home Missionary Society would be limited to the rural districts, and, under such circumstances, it could not be successfully sustained as a connectional organization. In this case our frontier work would fail of adequate support. But if the women of the Church are encouraged to co-operate in one great organization in behalf of Home Mission Work, and to divide the funds between the frontier and local missions, both could be sustained. The influence of each would react beneficially upon the other, and the Church would everywhere be strengthened.

Your Committee watched the proceedings of the General Conference with intense interest and solicitude. The question was of vital importance, and the result seemed nothing less than a marvelous interposition of divine Providence to preserve to the Church a chosen instrumentality of usefulness.

THE USE OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS IN CONTRACT SCHOOLS FOR INDIANS.

On the 9th of May, the General Conference, by a unanimous vote, indorsed the Sixteenth Amendment, now pending in Congress, which is as follows:

"That no State shall pass any law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibit the free exercise, or use its property or credit, or any money raised by taxation, or authorized to be used for the purpose of maintaining or aiding by appropriations, payment for services, expenses, or otherwise, any Church, religious denomination or religious so-

ciety, or any institution or undertaking which is wholly or in part under sectarian or ecclesiastical control."

Twenty-one States contain provisions similar to the above. To make this law national and set the question at rest, is the object of the action asked. It is in the interest of the common schools of our country, and the separation of Church and State. It was stated that all other Protestant religious denominations, except one, have decided to withdraw from all partnership with Government in educational work.

The resolution adopted by the General Conference was as follows :

"WHEREAS, The appropriation of public funds for sectarian purposes by the National Government is not only wrong in principle, but a violation of both the letter and the spirit of the Amendment to the Constitution; therefore,

"Resolved, That this General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church request the Missionary Societies working under its direction or control to decline to either make application to, or receive from, the National Government, any moneys for educational purposes among the Indians."

It was stated to the Conference, in explanation, that our Society was the only one of our Church that had received Government aid, and that only for Indian schools, and the fact was emphasized that this had been done "without the knowledge or approval of the authorities of the Church." Our Society is under solemn obligation, as one of the authorized agencies of the Church, to act in harmony with the decision of the General Conference.

All moneys appropriated by Government to the schools connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church, known as Contract Schools, for the payment of teachers' salaries, or for the support of pupils in these schools, are credited to our Society, and are so published in Government records. These credits have aggregated \$33,345, while we have actually had in hand only \$14,229, the balance being paid directly by Government agents to teachers, or for other expenses of the schools in these localities, without passing through our treasury. All Protestant denominations together have received only \$1,401,545. In contrast with this we call attention to the fact that the Catholic Church has received \$1,989,000 for its Contract Schools.

This action of the Church cuts off all Government aid from our Contract Schools, and though it may materially affect our work among the Indians, it will eventually promote the best interests of all concerned. While it forbids all denominational schools, it aims to elevate the character of Government schools, to secure the distribution of land to the Indians in severalty, and to endow them with the rights and privileges of citizenship.

CONTRACT SCHOOLS.

Our Society has four, viz. :

At Pawhuska, Oklahoma, the school was commenced in 1887, and we have received \$12,453.52 in its aid. The relation with Government was voluntarily terminated last summer. A good Government school for girls,

and a good Methodist Church, are the fruits thus far realized from our work there.

At Lynden, Washington, a school was commenced in 1889. Last year Stickney Home was erected, and the school will be continued by the Society. We have received \$656.33, but the contract with Government will not be renewed.

In Alaska, we have two schools, both of them in the Aleutian Division.

At Unga, the Society has expended \$1,525.44 for a school building and expenses, the Government providing the teacher. The building remains, and may be used by the Society as a Mission Home or school.

At Unalaska, a teacher has been employed and paid by the Government since June 30, 1890. The annual Government appropriation was \$2,000, \$1,000 being paid directly to the teacher, \$200 to the Secretary of the Bureau for rent, and \$713.99 to our Treasurer, toward the support of the school. We have provided for the three years ending June, 1892, an additional teacher, a matron, and met the expenses of the schools from the Alaskan Fund of our Society, paying, in 1890, \$2,375.44, and in 1891, \$1,753.53. The bills for 1892 have not yet been received by the Treasurer.

In November, 1891, a contract was made with the Bureau of Education for Alaska, by which our Society was to receive \$2,000 for the year ending June, 1892. It was understood that this contract would be renewed year by year, on condition that we erect a building for a school at Unalaska, and receive at the rate of \$90 for each boarding, and \$30 for each day pupil. The resolution prohibiting co-operation with the Government in these schools, adopted by the General Conference on May 9th, was communicated at once to the Department at Washington.

JESSE LEE HOME.

In 1889 the collection of a special fund for this Home, to be erected in Alaska, was approved. An appeal was made and funds collected, and, in the fall of 1890, \$7,000 was appropriated for a building, on condition that the Alaskan Fund should meet the demand of the work. The following summer the Treasurer sent the money to San Francisco; but the plan furnished by the Bureau was not adapted to transportation, and before the mistake could be corrected, the last steamer for the season sailed, and Captain Goodall, who had been authorized to make the contracts, returned the money to the Treasurer.

Again, in 1891, \$10,000 was appropriated on the same conditions of support by the Government. The money was held in bank in Cincinnati, subject to the call of the Secretary of the Bureau, who was on the Pacific Coast. It was expected that the building would be forwarded by steamer early in May, and it was reported to General Conference as in course of erection.

The appropriation was made for a building to accommodate sixty pupils. The support of a school there of this size would require from seven to eight thousand dollars annually. The Society can now neither "make application to, nor receive from," the Government, moneys for

educational purposes; and it becomes a question of grave moment whether it is wise for the Society to obligate itself to expend annually so large a sum for this object.

The conditions under which the appropriation was made being changed, the Executive Board would have been culpable had it invested the funds of the Society under the letter of the appropriation, with the probability that the property would either remain unused or be turned over to the Government. Under this conviction, the Committee in Omaha telegraphed Mrs. Daggett, then in San Francisco, to suspend action till a member of the Board should arrive to assist her in adjusting contracts. The Committee advised the erection of only a small building that would supply the immediate requirements of the school, and to refer the matter back to the Board of Managers, to so arrange the appropriation of the Alaskan Fund as to wisely aid this people and comply with the laws of the Church. Besides, the special fund in the treasury was not equal to the appropriation, much of it having been expended in buildings and support. The ruling of the General Conference will equally prevent the use of the funds of the Society in supporting beneficiaries in schools participated in by the Government in Alaska or elsewhere.

ALASKA AS A MISSION-FIELD.

The Alutian Division, which was assigned to the Methodist Church by the Superintendent of Education in Alaska, contains 14,610 square miles. It comprises the Peninsula westward of the Zakarof Bay, and the whole chain of islands from the Shumagin group in the East, to Attoo in the West, including the Prybylof or Fur Seal Islands. This chain is 1,650 miles long. There are settlements on nine of the more than two hundred islands, as follows: Two on the Prybylof Islands—St. Paul, 244, and St. George, 93 people; five on Unalaska, numbering together 749; Attoo, 101; Atkha, 132; Unga, 159; Korevin, 41; and Vosnesensky, 43; and on the Peninsula, 185 persons. The total population of Alaska, by the census of 1890, is 1,747, of whom 144 are white, 593 Aleuts, and the balance Creoles.

It will be seen that the population is too small, at any one point, to furnish attendants for both a Government and a mission school. Boarding-schools for Indians are expensive, as the children have to be supported, and, for a school of the size contemplated, transported long distances. The Government will provide for their education if we do not, in the several localities; hence, with the funds at our command, it seems to be wiser for our Society to co-operate with the Missionary Society of our own Church to sustain mission churches at the most important points. The wife of the minister could report to our Society, we furnishing a home for the family, and the incidental expenses of industrial and other mission teaching.

NEGLECTED POPULATIONS.

More than half the people in the older States reside in cities of 5,000 and upwards, and in them is found a much larger proportion of vice and wretchedness. Our Society and Church, in common with other religious

denominations and associations, have expended large amounts upon the sparsely settled populations of the frontiers, to the neglect of the masses in our large cities.

The care of cities is vital to national prosperity and the triumph of the Church. While we must not lose sight of foreign lands, and distant places in our own country, we must devote increased attention to our cities. A distinguished divine says: "The importance of claiming the frontiers for Christ has been so strongly set forth that cities have been comparatively neglected. The fact is significant that the total population of Wyoming, Colorado, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Montana, and North and South Dakota, eight whole States, is less than that of New York City, the proportion of foreigners and native-born citizens in these States and in the city being about the same. The Presbyterian and Congregational Churches spend annually several hundred thousand dollars, and together have 540 ministers in these States, while in New York City they have only 85."

Other denominations, our own included, provide for these two fields in about the same proportion. It is well known that our Methodist congregations are establishing themselves in fine suburban church homes, vacating the down town places of worship, while multitudes in our great cities are left to the demoralizing influences of the saloon and the schools of anarchy and vice. The editor of our great *official* said, last week, that "one-fifteenth of the entire population of the country is within thirty miles of New York." Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, and other cities, are becoming similar centers of power and of danger. At the present rate of increase the time is near when half the whole population of the country will be found in cities, and the South and the West will present similar conditions to those that now prevail in the older States. In view of these facts, the importance of this great mission field of cities can scarcely be overstated.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

CONFERENCES.	No. of Auxiliaries, Circles and Bands.....	Added during the Year.....	MEMBERS.										Life Members.		Honorary Managers	Honorary Patrons	Woman's Home Missions.		No. of Beneficiaries Aided..
			Auxiliaries.	Mission Circles.	Bands.	Mothers' Jewels.	Home Mission Reading Circle.	Number	Added dur'g the Year...	Number	Added dur'g the Year...	Number	Number	Added during the Year.....			Number of Subscribers.....	Number added during the Year.....	
Baltimore.....	31	6	1199	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1	1	1	156	67	16
California.....	18	5	352	83	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	2	2	152	28	16
Central Illinois.....	9	.....	183	67	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	28	4	.....
Central Missouri.....	1	1	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	206	.....	9
Central New York.....	91	28	1079	324	125	.....	.....	1	36	145	45	.....	45	7	4	4	308	.....	.....
Central Ohio.....	79	.....	1113	25	114	.....	.....	22	.....	22	.....	.....	70	6	3	3	210	.....	6
Central Pennsylvania.....	30	5	549	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	3	3	8	708	19	.....
Cincinnati.....	79	8	1475	44	.....	.....	.....	67	3	67	82	.....	343	.....	1	.....	192	.....	.....
Colorado.....	14	.....	380	249	3	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	20	.....	.....	62	.....	.....
Columbia River.....	21	.....	183	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....
Dakota.....	6	.....	67	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Des Moines.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Detroit.....	84	4	2360	49	.....	.....	.....	163	.....	.....	.....	.....	136	.....	10	1	708	52	6
East Ohio.....	60	2	1654	27	.....	.....	.....	199	.....	.....	.....	.....	63	.....	8	.....	513	.....	5
East Tennessee.....	9	3	107	54	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	.....	.....
Erie.....	90	.....	1199	156	32	.....	.....	252	.....	16	.....	.....	63	11	2	.....	427	.....	.....
Florida.....	11	.....	78	65	.....	.....	.....	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....
Genesee.....	56	.....	1358	148	49	.....	.....	197	.....	60	.....	.....	51	.....	.....	.....	573	.....	.....
Holston.....	5	1	108	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	31	.....	5
Idaho.....	1	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....
Indiana.....	10	.....	185	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	3	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....
Indian Mission.....	4	2	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois.....	47	.....	500	50	2	.....	.....	100	50	3	1	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	200	.....	.....
Iowa.....	26	2	444	52	.....	.....	.....	58	16	.....	.....	.....	5	1	.....	.....	154	.....	.....
Kansas.....	15	.....	209	20	25	.....	.....	67	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	83	.....	3
Kentucky.....	1	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	.....	23	.....	3
Little Rock.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....
Louisiana.....	6	.....	23	12	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maine.....	20	.....	383	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	2	1	104	.....	.....
Michigan.....	57	.....	1306	174	53	.....	.....	7	.....	9	.....	.....	79	.....	16	.....	433	34	.....

Minnesota.....	17	339	21	34	2	38	38	22	2	147	7
Mississippi.....	23	88	74	23	20	20	8	18	20	20	6
Missouri.....	11	630	46	82	3	88	61	10	4	147	6
Nebraska.....	39	1241	107	116	33	57	28	52	17	424	17
New York.....	36	1859	232	280	90	429	18	154	6	885	36
New England.....	98	1	37	135	24	24	18	7	17	365	10
New England Southern.....	58	2	32	5	34	34	20	6	4	175	7
New Hampshire.....	26	684	309	20	5	21	26	10	4	34	17
New Jersey.....	35	941	77	138	51	51	25	34	1	258	31
New York.....	19	497	7	120	35	28	38	8	3	1	269
New York East.....	26	864	95	120	35	28	38	7	1	1	269
New Mexico English Mission.....	1	30									
North Dakota.....	32	698	53	15	7	154	5	4	2	170	10
North Indiana.....	35	205	49	48	15	84	8	2	2	75	17
North Nebraska.....	57	838	92	145	137	137	50	97	7	289	3
North Ohio.....	60	989	139	27	98	71	66	19	2	356	3
Northern New York.....	4	53	204	148	98	71	13	7	2	18	
North-west Indiana.....	65	677	119	37		99	49	10	2	217	100
North-west Iowa.....	6	70	27				21	1		74	4
North-west Kansas.....											
North-west Swedish.....	67	1079	170	86	35	263	61	185	10	525	23
Ohio.....	10	3	10	2	199	35	133	35	1	26	7
Oregon.....	55	1174	354	112	193	193	14	120	16	5	442
Philadelphia.....	37	6	28	201	91	193	14	57	3	419	100
Pittsburgh.....	6	102									
Puget Sound.....	28	704				96	36	94	27	9	331
Rock River.....	22	470						1	2	176	
St. Louis.....	19	369		1	22	22	6	28	4	48	42
Southern California.....	20	289	115	25	6	6		21	1	13	
South Carolina.....	1	18						4		175	20
South Kansas.....	33	448	172	109	64	23	23	42	3		
South-east Indiana.....											
Southern Illinois.....	27	9	72	34	73	73	16	1	1	144	11
South-west Kansas.....	48	248	172	20	17	10	48	4	6	42	
Texas.....	70	1270	200	160	122	122	30	63	9	600	104
Troy.....	54	1026	52	112	10	10		174	13	2	479
Upper Iowa.....	34	8	57	11	83	83	31	12	7	231	20
Vermont.....	1	3						2	2	1	2
Virginia.....											
Washington.....	28	230	11	103	36	36		4		18	
West Nebraska.....	42	875	631	23	23	23	24	4	2	159	61
West Wisconsin.....	17	425	65	12	10	10	2	18		318	16
West Texas.....	31	839	207	70	5	271	34	7	4	44	
Wilmington.....	4	105	67	287	132	119	29		1	4	265
Wisconsin.....	36	829	65					63	10	4	7
Wyoming.....											
Totals.....	2201	40566	3268	4063	486	615	5513	312	219	65	1158
							430	2361	161	13716	200

Reports from Bureaus.

Bureau for East Southern States.

As we look back over the work which has been accomplished in this Bureau during the past year, we realize how impossible it will be to give you a just report in the very brief time allowed us. Only a few bare facts can be stated.

Thayer, Haven and Boylan Industrial Homes.

The work at Thayer, Haven and Boylan Homes has been in most respects similar to that of the last year; but the results of this year's work have been more satisfactory and more encouraging than that of any previous year. Our missionaries have in many ways exerted themselves to raise money for needed repairs, and for the better development of the work. Special mention should be made of work done in this line at Boylan Home, where not only our missionaries but our girls, through their own efforts, have accomplished so much. Besides doing much for Boylan, they have raised \$100.00 to name a room in Emerson Memorial Home.

For the coming year we cannot hope for much help to come to us in this way. Already we are experiencing the effect of the financial depression that prevails throughout the South. Some of our best girls, and those who met their bills last year, are now unable to return to us for want of means. This indicates that we *must* have more beneficiary money this coming year. The girls will do what they can; we must supplement their efforts and help them to complete the good work which has been begun.

Ocala, Fla.

The work here was opened in December, 1891, in an old church building rented for the purpose. I wish I could give you a picture of it as I saw it. One side curtained off with sheets, behind which six girls slept and kept their belongings; the school room crowded and overflowing into the kitchen; the scholars so eager for instruction in the various lines that were taught. You would surely have said "The field is white for the harvest." The hindrances were many, and to a new worker the discouragements as we will readily see were not few. Notwithstanding all this, success crowned the faithful efforts there put forth, and the result shows that much good was accomplished. By little entertainments, sales of garments made, etc., the sum of \$100.00 was raised to name a room for Miss Miller, in the new Home to be erected. An acre of land in a desirable location was donated to the Society, upon which has been erected a neat and convenient building to be called "Emerson Memorial Home"—a loving tribute to a noble woman. The building will accommodate the school and twenty girls. It was greatly needed in the locality, and is appreciated by the people. Already they are saying that it is too small to accommodate half the girls who desire to avail themselves of its advantages.

Speedwell.

This mission, established through the earnest efforts of our Haven Home missionaries, is one of our most interesting fields. Long have we desired to enlarge and extend this work. Now, through the energy and liberality of Mrs. G. E. Palen, who has charge of the work, we are able to report that a Home has been erected, and is already occupied. It will accommodate the day-school, one missionary and four girls. It is only a beginning, and we predict for it great growth, and we feel that in this beginning there is cause for great rejoicing. While we rejoice, let us remember that it is our privilege as well as our duty to assist in meeting the accrued bills on this property.

In a signal manner God has set his seal upon all the work in this Bureau. Never before has there been such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Its influence has been felt not only in the Homes, but in the day-schools, and in the homes of the day pupils. The work seemed so genuine and the lives of the girls so changed that there was no room left for doubt. One missionary writes, "the change is so great that it is a real delight to see the girls."

We should love to give you incidents which we know would interest you, and to tell you what our girls are achieving who have gone out from us to their life-work. This we may not do. Let us pray that the good seed that they are sowing may bear abundant fruit. With renewed consecration to their work our missionaries are once more in the field, and we predict for their work grander and more glorious results than ever before.

SARAH M. Y. WHETSTONE, *Secretary.*

Bureau for East Central States.

Browning Home.

The foundations of this Home were laid in wisdom, and upon a solid basis. Its fame is known afar. One boy walks twelve miles a day in order to belong to this school of one hundred and fifty enrolled. We have a night school of forty-two taught by Miss Russell. Many who attended night school last year are now day scholars. Thirty girls are in Browning, ages from thirteen to twenty-two, all of whom believe that home ought to be the cleanest and happiest place this side of heaven. Several of our former pupils have become industrial teachers in smaller towns.

One writes of the Home dining-room, "floor clean as soap and Camden sand in woman's hand could make it, windows speckless and spotless, tables covered with cloths and bright dishes." This is carried into cabin, life and credit given to "white folks' teaching." There are from sixty to ninety-five girls in sewing classes, and general house work is carefully encouraged. Many conversions have been reported, and interest at one time demanded an all-day meeting. *La Grippe* hindered our work for a season and one teacher was obliged to take a vacation. Diplomas were asked for five girls who had completed the course. The subject of general repairs, as well as that of securing a new survey of the acres, and procuring an organ, were all referred to the General Board, and will doubtless be considered in due time.

Mrs. Col. Springer gave friendly assistance at Browning in her visitations and instructions; the memory of her visit will brighten many an hour. If plans were carried out a new flag would float from our Home on Columbus Day.

Asheville, N. C.

Many tourists who visit our Home and school receive their first and perhaps only impression of the intent and management of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Our work here must be enlarged, we must evidence permanency and efficiency, we must acquit ourselves as though we believed that this was now our day for deep foundations, or we must give the field with its hard earned grain to others for tillage. Will not some individual or Conference adopt this desirable child of six years?

Our workers have the confidence of the youths in this community, as shown by an enrollment of one hundred and thirty, although a new graded school for colored children had recently been opened with a force of six teachers. Our record steadily increased until we numbered two hundred and sixty-three. The ages are from four to forty-five, hence a course of study, and classification are serious questions. As a small tuition fee is required, it is more difficult to determine who shall attend. One hundred and eighty-five pupils are taught in the various departments of sewing, but for want of facilities, cooking, house-keeping and kindergarten training have not been according to desire or promise. Connersville, Ind., Philadelphia, Pa., and Hyde Park, Mass., furnished the material good-will for the Christmas tide. Brother Levering of LaFayette donated two dozen Bibles for use in the services, and through Rev. C. W. Byrd of the Church South in Asheville, fifty more were obtained from Philadelphia; thus a Bible is in the hands of all the older pupils. Epworth Hymnals were bought with part of a contribution received from Santa Anna, Cal.

The receipts from sale of garments made and donated are \$115.52. The sick are visited, the spiritually hungry fed, and yet we touch only the rim.

Simpson Home.

The tooth of time will leave its mark and the old must be replaced with the new. Younger Homes have, I fear, caused some forgetfulness of this one, that deserves a liberal equipment for thorough work. The care of our property during the vacation months often requires several weeks of service before and after the close of school, and this reduces the surplus funds of the teacher, for which some provision should be made.

Here, too, we have access to the graduating class, but the question of ability to meet the expense of Home tuition also confronts us. Ten girls were able to receive instruction; all aim at perfection but must begin with the alphabet of the needle. One hundred and fifty girls sew regularly in classes, and for some months Miss Penfield planned from 5 A. M. until 11 P. M. Certainly such activity is itself a lesson. Simpson asks for five beneficiaries, and four have already been provided for by auxiliaries. Here also we need sanitary appropriations.

Browning Home.

Early in the year considerable disaffection prevailed and hindered our work. The question of "home rule" was too momentous to be answered by either the superintendent or Bureau Secretary, hence was referred to the General Executive Board in Cincinnati, that the relation between the institutions might be more clearly defined.

At the opening of the fall session some difficulty was experienced in obtaining our family, owing to the fact that those entitled to admission in Kent must give service for tuition in Bennett, and hence were unable either to add to our finances or lessen the work in the Home. From the reports I learn that thirteen girls were entered, and the hum of industry kept merry tune, but *La Grippe* prostrated both teachers and many of the students. Hospital measures became a necessity and the cooks and dress-

makers became nurses. Although two months of anxiety pervaded the household, there were no fatal cases.

All that are in the Home receive instruction in dress-cutting and making, and the sewing class or school numbers seventy. Lecture talks on domesticity, and Christian ethics furnish regular plans for each Friday evening. The girls in turn conduct family worship and return thanks at meals—also assist in the missionary work which is greatly demanded.

The plea comes again, "Tell us how to get more time for Industrial Training, when so much is required for school work." Of all the girls who remained with Miss Buckbee and Mrs. Daley, the closing record is, they were "obedient, industrious and happy."

MRS. J. E. GILBERT, *Secretary.*

Bureau for West Central States.

Ritter Industrial Home and School.

Ritter Industrial School and Home for white girls was opened at Athens, Tennessee, in September, 1891. This first year has shown that the movement was no mistake. Its results have exceeded our anticipations. When the first pupils came, last September, the building was without doors, without furniture, and without fires. The cold and rainy weather came before the house was made comfortable, and as a result there were many troublesome colds followed by *grippe*, and two severe cases of pneumonia. One of these was the sewing teacher, Miss Anderson, of Dayton, Ohio, who in the short time she was in the school taught us to value her services very highly. For a time her recovery was doubtful, and as soon as she was able to travel, she returned to her home and resigned her position. As a temporary assistant to the Superintendent, a lady, Mrs. Belle George, was found in Athens, who has proved so excellent a helper that the committee has asked her appointment as instructor for the coming year.

The Home had twenty-five different girls in it last year. There are at the beginning of this year twenty-five pupils, with the prospect of double the number before the year closes. The management is most excellent. The girls are proud of their beautiful house and are ambitious to keep it in perfect order. The house-keeping is admirable, which is due not only to the teachable spirit of the girls, but to the superior house-keeping qualities of the matron. The experiment of teaching the domestic industries as a part of a school course for white girls in the South seems thus far to be an eminent success.

The women of the North have not yet realized the utter helplessness of a large proportion of their white sisters of the South. They have very properly earnestly and actively sympathized with the black woman who was ambitious to better her condition, but they have not felt the heart-aches nor heard the prayers of the other women, who by no choice of their own were born into a social system which was if possible a more bitter curse to them than to the blacks themselves. There is a longing for opportunity among all classes in the South, for the children of families who were once wealthy are being reared in poverty. The pitiable thing is the absolute helplessness of many of them. Hear this letter written to the Superintendent of Ritter Home from Alabama, under date of Sept. 10, 1892:—

"*Dear Maddam* I write you this letter asking admittance into your home I will tell you my condition I am a lonely girl without Father or Mother and without any Education and I desire to have an Education I have Brothers and Sisters but they have large familys and are verry poor

not able to help me any My father died when I was young My mother was an invalid for 20 years I never Saw her walk She was confined to her bed all the time and Father died and left her myself and one brother younger I had to wait on her and do the best that I could We had a sewing machine I would sew all that I could and do the best I could for a living until last October the good Lord saw proper to take her hence So she went up higher You can see that I had no chance to get any education if I had have had the money if I could get some education I could get a living for myself I am willing to work my way in school if I can get the chance there is no chance in this country for a poor girl I now plead to you for help the good Lord said ask and it shall be given to you knock and it shall be open unto you I ask you again will you let me in please answer me if you say no. When we see failures we know there has been efforts So I say I am willing to make the effort if I only make a failure I pray you answer me immediately Respectfully ——"

This letter can be multiplied and the story is the same. A longing for "a chance" and no money to be earned. One girl writes from Asheville, N. C.:— "Do let me come. Mother wants me to go. Father is afraid to have me go so far from home, but mother and I know he will never be sorry." These urgent pleadings show the earnest spirit, the absolute irrepressibleness, of these young people. If "Their angels do always behold the face of our Father," he will surely provide an agency for their help. If we do not hear their cry another will take our work *and our crown*.

Two things we must do. We must keep the expenses so low that all earnest girls will be encouraged to try to pay their way, and we must devise some plan by which no earnest girl who is willing to do all that is possible to help herself shall be forbidden to avail herself of all our school can give her, even if she has no money.

Before the building was completed the committee had exhausted all the funds raised for this purpose. That we might open the school at the time we had pledged to the Southern Conferences, and to the University upon whose campus we are, we borrowed money to finish and furnish the Home. We are now paying interest upon \$4,000. Our property is worth \$15,000. God has put it into the hearts of our friends to be very generous to this enterprise in the past. One more united effort will give us this \$4,000 and then we shall own one of the most attractive school properties in the South.

God's blessing has been upon us in things spiritual as well as temporal. Our girls all become Christians and are trained to active Christian service. There are great possibilities of usefulness and growth before us. A multitude of women, and their children after them, will, in the future, rise up to bless us. There is no more "paying stock" in any market for those who want to "lay up treasure," than "shares" in Ritter Home. May some of the blessedness of a co-worker with God come to each one who has prayed for, worked for, or contributed towards this beautiful home in the bosom of the most beautiful East Tennessee Mountains.

MRS. W. G. WILLIAMS, *Chairman*.

Bureau for West Southern States.

E. L. Rust Home.

The E. L. Rust Home at Holly Springs, Miss., is enjoying its usual prosperity. The past year the building was crowded, and the advance of the pupils was most satisfactory. Miss Johnston's systematic work, wide influence and thorough acquaintance with the needs of the scholars, has

enabled her to enlarge the scope of her duties. Miss Gibson, a valuable assistant, reports her sewing department as having done good work. No Home in the Society does more efficient service, and none is conducted under greater disadvantages. The rooms of the school are not well furnished. Three girls occupy one apartment with but one wash-stand and no bureau, the latter of which should displace the old trunks which cramp the rooms. There are no conveniences in the laundry, not even a stove.

We need \$100.00 for furniture; \$50.00 for carpet, and \$100.00 for repairs and improvements. With this amount, not one dollar of which will be wasted, we can keep the Home in model order, as a good example is as much desired as good advice. There are always from 25 to 30 girls in the Home. The average amount of board, per month, received from the pupils, is from \$100.00 to \$126.00. The average expense for food, per month, is \$80.00. The average expense, per month, for incidentals, is from \$10.00 to \$20.00. Coal in this locality is very high, and during cold weather this item adds materially to our expenses. Many garments were made during the year, a number of which were sold. Some of the girls show considerable talent as dressmakers, plain sewers, fancy workers and milliners. The invaluable lessons of self-support prompt the girls to earn an honest livelihood.

At Holly Springs live many poor and aged people, once slaves, too old and feeble to labor. They would starve were it not for the aid rendered by our Superintendents and the pupils of the Home, who are taught the spirit of helping, and the "blessedness of inasmuch." An entertainment was given, from which a small sum was realized, and the money was appropriated in fitting up two rooms of an old building for poor old women. May 26, Miss Gibson wrote: "I wish you could have attended the opening of the 'Old Sisters' Home' yesterday. The house was filled with people whose hearts seemed overflowing with gratitude. The service was opened with the hymn, 'How firm a foundation.' Then followed prayer, and addresses of presentation and acceptance. Every heart was melted when several old aunties spoke words full of praise and thanksgiving. A young lady from the North gave a musical concert, the proceeds of which were sent, together with clothing, provisions, and many useful articles, to these aged Christian women. Once more we plead that when your store-rooms are filled for the winter you will remember the E. L. Rust Home, at Holly Springs.

Adeline Smith Home.

The Adeline Smith Home, at Little Rock, Arkansas, during the past year has been ably conducted by Miss Green, and her assistant, Miss Holabaugh. At this Home each department of industry is thoroughly taught, special attention being given to cooking and housekeeping. A kind Providence has restored our worthy Superintendent, Miss McIntosh, to health and to the work with which she has so long been identified. The dignity and character of our work at this point exerts a powerful influence throughout the State. The ministers and people appreciate the importance of industrial and moral training and throw around the Home their support and sympathy. Prayer, temperance and missionary meetings are held regularly, in which the pupils take part. Weekly lectures are delivered by Miss McIntosh on important subjects, which have a most happy effect on the characters of the girls. Many also at Philander Smith College are reached, who date their change of heart and life to the instructions received at this Home. There are one hundred girls in the sewing and cooking classes, many of whom come from the college and are intensely desirous of learning. In every department of the Home order and discipline are maintained, and nothing is left undone in the great work of moulding the lives and characters of these colored girls.

A third teacher is needed. Though we have an efficient assistant in Miss Ferris, two missionaries cannot accomplish all that is to be done. In order to sustain our work in this field another assistant is urgently required. We also need funds for repairs. Painting, sewerage and other improvements required will increase our expenses. Our New York friends have sent many useful things to the Home. The ladies of Syracuse sent a sum, the proceeds of an entertainment. From Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, came choice articles. Mrs. Blackstone of Oak Park, Ill., generously furnished Miss McIntosh's room. The grounds have been beautified by shrubbery, and elm trees adorn the sidewalk in front of the Home. The average amount of board received from pupils each month is from \$100.00 to \$136.00; the average amount expended for food, \$84.00. A fine entertainment was given at the close of the year by the pupils, assisted by Miss McIntosh. I most earnestly beg you for \$700.00 to meet the absolute necessities of the Adeline Smith Home.

Peck Memorial Home.

With greater interest than ever before, we present our report of Peck Memorial Home, the only Protestant Industrial home in Louisiana. Around this home cluster the prayers and sympathies of many Christian hearts. Each room of the building has its peculiar interest; even the trees, shrubs and flowers have their names and histories. Nor does this kindly feeling subside with the passing years. Miss Hegeman, our faithful Superintendent, who opened its doors and kindled its fires, is still on the ground directing her departments of industry after the most approved and methodical plans. Miss Elliott, our Assistant Superintendent, is conducting the sewing classes in the University building. The past year the number of girls in the Home has varied from 12 to 17. The improvement made in all branches of industry was most satisfactory. Cooking and housekeeping are given special attention, and through the summer months the Home girls have no difficulty in obtaining desirable situations, with good wages, which they save to meet their school expenses the following winter. Ella Preston, a girl of rare excellence, accompanied a lady to Europe last summer. This lady became so attached to Ella that she offered her every inducement to become a member of her household; but Ella has given her heart to Jesus and is educating herself for a life-work, that of a missionary to Africa. The family life at Peck Home is full of happy incidents. The daily worship, especially the evening hour, is very impressive, as it is a season of religious conversation and song: many of the girls were converted in those sweet and solemn hours of prayer. The interior is in excellent repair; but outside painting, the sidewalk, and street paving require immediate attention. The city authorities have notified us of our obligations and there is no way for us to escape the demand. It means for us more work, more sacrifice and more prayer. A sum of \$600.00 will be necessary.

Never has Peck Home enjoyed its present popular favor in the Louisiana Conference; especially does it elicit the hearty sympathy of our colored sisters in New Orleans who have become acquainted with our aims and purposes, and contribute their efforts to advance the interests of the Home in organizing new auxiliaries and mission schools in various localities. An auxiliary convenes monthly in the Industrial room of Peck Home. The meetings are well attended, and prayers, songs, essays and addresses constitute the program. At the close, refreshments are served by the pupils. The enthusiasm of the colored women call into action a large number of church members who have hitherto been indifferent to our work. Dr. and Mrs. Adkinson continue their many kindnesses. We have promise of unprecedented success.

FRENCH AND ITALIAN WORK.

Last but not least in interest is the Mission work in New Orleans among the French, Italian, and factory girls. Hundreds of these poor, ignorant girls appeal to our tenderest sympathies and earnest Christian effort. Most of them are wretchedly housed, void of all that makes life bright and happy. The hardships of the factory girls are almost beyond conception. The night school is held at Ames Chapel, and is conducted by Miss Page and her assistant, Miss Scott. The girls seem anxious to learn, the older pupils beginning with the alphabet. The school is growing; but it needs great tact to gather scholars from Catholic families, and from homes where religion is unknown. Crowded in the factories are girls of all nationalities, and the histories unfolded to our missionaries are sad and touching. The girls attending the night school are too poor to purchase books, and we ask for aid in cast-off school books, maps, slates, pencils, stationery, etc. In these night schools many a soul may be saved.

Christianity advances among the French and Italians, though the work is surrounded by many difficulties. The deep superstition, the intolerance of Romanism, its adaptation to the prevailing tendencies of the masses, tend to increase discouragement, yet prompt to greater effort in preaching the story of salvation. Misses Scott and Page visit the French and Italian women, the hospitals, and the families of the factory girls, entreating their parents to accept the only true God as their Saviour. Evening finds them at the Italian prayer meeting and the night school at Ames Chapel. The Italians are more easily impressed than the French, and some noble Christian characters have been unfolded whose devotion and piety have exerted great good among their people. For this work we ask your prayers and sympathy, and your gold.

MRS. M. B. HAGANS, *Secretary*.

Bureau for Texas.

King Home.

King Industrial Home, located at Marshall, in connection with Wiley University, was opened at the beginning of the last school year. Thirty-eight girls have been in attendance during the year. Satisfactory progress has been made in all the departments of study. Special interest has been manifested in the sewing department. Eighty-three dresses were completed, besides many other articles of wearing apparel, and the girls were so exceptionally neat in their personal appearance as to become a subject of remark wherever they appeared. All the household industries have been faithfully taught and put into practice in the daily life of the Home. An excellent religious influence has prevailed during the year, every girl having become a professing Christian, and this condition gives promise of continuance during the present year, as the revival spirit has already manifested itself in the University and a number of conversions are reported.

The debt upon the building, so far as it has been completed, has been paid. Owing to a deficiency in the water supply, it will be necessary to introduce water from the city works at some distance, and this will involve an expenditure of about \$400, which must be raised as soon as possible. Next year we hope to complete the building, and we shall then have a most satisfactory and comfortable home, capable of accommodating about sixty girls.

MRS. E. L. ALBRIGHT, *Secretary*.

Bureau for New Mexico and Arizona, (Spanish.)

From Washington, at the close of our last Annual Meeting, the Secretary for the Bureau turned her face and steps toward this distant field. The necessity for personal inspection of the work made the demand one that could not be set aside. Four days in a coach drawn by the iron horse, and the grey-brown hills and mountains of New Mexico appeared. A more cordial welcome was never given than that these laborers in the distant and difficult field tendered to their travel-tired visitor. The work is full of interest in each of its many phases.

Las Vegas.

The day school at Las Vegas was the first visited.

They gather early, in fact it seemed that they preferred to spend all the time they could in the school-room. The ages seemed to be from the baby or very small child to the grandmother. Especially in the sewing school was this to be seen. A desire on the part of the parents to have their children taught English causes most of them to be sent. With this come opportunities to teach truth. The little girls look old and spiritless. Child mothers come to be taught, and old women who want to know something besides what life has brought them listen to the teaching that Jesus Christ is the one mediator between God and man.

Candelarias.

At Candelarias a different class of pupils came to Miss Tripp. It is quite interesting to watch them as they follow their teacher in their efforts to gain knowledge. They seem dull and slow, but so is everything about them. Home is only a brown mud house with no beauty, and but few know much of comfort. That they would enjoy pretty things is shown in various ways. They choose brilliant colored calicoes for dresses, and also when they are very neat and have their room walls whitewashed they put a strip of bright colored print around as a dado. The effect is quite cheerful.

The Priests are very watchful and will if possible prevent light from coming to these people. One of the brightest girls was becoming interested in her studies, and quite fond of her teacher, when her father informed her she must be married. In a week a man was brought to whom she was united by the priest; all her entreaties to be allowed to wait a little and learn from the teacher she loved were of no avail. She became an unwilling wife. Many of them die young; but a few days' illness and they are gone. O! to bring brightness and hope to the hearts of these sad-eyed, Spanish-American maidens.

Albuquerque.

At Albuquerque the Home school was doing excellent work, but the house was so small that only ten girls could be decently accommodated. They were bright, happy girls. They have been in the home long enough to remember that which may change the whole course of their lives. It was with deep regret that we consented, at the close of the spring term, to suspend this very much needed work for a year. We must build a suitable house where we can carry on a creditable work, which would in a little while become self-supporting. Miss Ernsberger is now doing a grand work at Morristown, Tenn. Mrs. Norton is trying to wake up in the hearts of the people a desire to help this work. We hope that another year will see this work supported in a way that will accomplish the good so greatly needed. Albuquerque is left for the Methodists. The Presbyterian friends are doing grand work in New Mexico. Their schools

are overcrowded and they have left Albuquerque for us; it is our field. In this, the central and most important city in New Mexico, shall we establish such an institution as will be a blessing to those needing it, and the cup of water to the poor that we dare not deny?

ANNA KENT, *Secretary.*

Bureau for New Mexico and Arizona, (Indian.)

The Apache Mission.

Our Apache Mission is in a flourishing condition. For five years our two consecrated missionaries have lived in a miserable little log hut of two rooms, with windows and door so low that they could neither look out or step out without bowing the head. An addition of three rooms has been erected, and the old part is being repaired. Folding doors have been placed between two rooms, making space sufficient to hold services, and afford better accommodations for the school. May 8th, Rev. Thomas Harwood, Superintendent of Missions in New Mexico, organized a Church class at Dulce, and baptized an Indian woman, who has since died happy in the assurance that the Lord had pardoned her sins, and accepted her as his child. She gave her little boy to the missionaries, who still have him with them. Rev. Mr. Weaver comes down from Chama, about thirty miles away, and preaches at the mission as often as possible. He has baptized several who have been converted since the class was organized, among them some of the girls in our school. The good work is spreading to adjoining towns where no services have ever been held. At one of these towns about twenty have been converted. Some of the people had never attended such meetings, and others had not in many years. Miss Clegg assists in the work, going from house to house, talking and praying with the people, Brother Weaver in turn going out on the reservation with the missionaries, to visit the Indian camps. At this place we have a school, composed mostly of Spanish children of Catholic parentage.

Miss Moore, one of the missionaries, has been appointed Field Matron under the Government at a larger salary; this left the school without a teacher. At the request of Miss Moore and Miss Clegg, Miss Mary Tripp, who taught during Miss Moore's illness last year, has been appointed teacher, they very kindly offering to share in the expense, and Troy Conference pledges the balance. As both Miss Clegg and Miss Tripp went from our Conference, we were happy to contribute to their support. There are many things yet needed to make the Home comfortable. The seats when services are held are boxes and boards, and all of the furnishings are exceedingly primitive. Industrial work is carried forward as far as possible with the appliances at hand. The Indian women come in for sewing lessons, also for washing, and they will add cooking as soon as they have the necessary furnishings. The expense to our Society has been small, as a large amount of the funds were contributed by friends of the missionaries.

The Navajoe Mission.

One year ago our Navajoe missionaries had just reached the reservation. It was a beautiful October day. The sun was just declining behind the lofty mountains at the west when the Durango stage left two lone women on the border of the Navajoe reservation. A wagon soon followed with a tent and a few necessary household articles. The two men put up the tent, set up the little stove, and drove away, leaving the women alone, while two Indians wrapped in blankets sat at a distance and watched proceedings.

They put the tent in order, prepared their evening meal—remains of

a lunch procured in Durango—pinned a piece of cloth across the opening of the tent, and committed themselves to the care of one who never “slumbers nor sleeps,” remembering that he who said, “Go teach all nations,” also said, “Lo, I am with you.” Soon the Navajoes came to inspect the tent and its furnishings; then they brought an interpreter and asked how large a house they were to build, and when the missionaries marked out a space about 16 x 16, they seemed satisfied, as they knew that was not large enough for a school, against which they were prejudiced, because some of their children had been carried away against their wishes. They soon learned that the missionaries had remedies that would cure the sick, and as much sickness prevailed during the winter and spring, the mission became quite a dispensary. The Indians would bring in their friends from a distance, telling them that these women were friends of the Indians, and seemed to assume a sort of proprietorship that was quite amusing; but the confidence of the Indians was secured to an extent that was surprising to the white people in that vicinity.

Mrs. Eldridge, who had for several years been a teacher in Government Indian schools, advised building a small, inexpensive house at first, as it would test the willingness of the Navajoes to have them on the reservation, and serve as an object lesson for them. They were interested in its erection and came and asked to assist, which they were allowed to do. Soon this room was found too small, as men, women and children came and often filled it to overflowing, they were so interested in all lines of work, and were anxious to learn to sew, cook, make bread, wash, etc. Another room of the same size has been added, and still more room is needed, as from thirty to forty come in a day anxious to be taught to do all kinds of work. Much time is occupied in preparing remedies for the sick, as the Indians come from all parts of the reservation, either bringing the sick or for medicine. Wishing to have an opportunity to give them a better idea of home life, and to show them how to do various kinds of work, the missionaries sent to Durango at their own expense and procured some yarn, and hired two Navajoe women to come to the mission and weave some rugs, which the women enjoyed greatly; they became interested in the cooking and would ask to make the fire mornings, and assist in the house work. They are anxious to come again, and now that spinning-wheels have been donated to the missionaries, they will have the women come and spin, and dye the yarn, then weave more rugs. They hope to start an industry that will draw the women to them, as well as be a source of profit to the mission.

One great obstacle in the way of teaching them spiritual things is the difficulty in learning the language. They know nothing of God or Christ, have no written language, and hitherto have not been able to secure a reliable interpreter, but through the courtesy of Commissioner Morgan, one has been secured, and they hope to be able soon to tell them the glad story of a Savior's love.) They have learned a large number of words and by the signs common to all Indians can communicate with them of things seen, but not of the invisible. The Lord has wonderfully cared for these heroic missionaries and saved them from all harm. If the needed supplies can be furnished them we are confident that a grand work can be done, as the Navajoes are industrious, self-supporting, have never drawn any rations from the Government, and are anxious to improve and learn to do all kinds of work.

We have been fortunate in receiving many helps from friends of the missionaries. A band of King's Daughters in Connecticut, not Methodists, sent them a sewing machine. A spinning-wheel was received from friends in Kansas; another from Miss Ham, of New Jersey. Knitting-needles and a large kettle for washing have been received. Rev. H. B. Antes, who has been our friend and helper from the beginning, has published a paper in the interests of this Mission. The second number, pub-

lished in September, contains much valuable information concerning the Mission. We trust those who have so kindly assisted in this work will continue to help us, as additional expenses will arise if the work is sustained as it should be to make it a success.

MRS. E. W. SIMPSON, *Secretary*.

Bureau for Mormons.

There has been no new work undertaken in Utah by our Society during the past year, not because there was no work for it to do, for there never has been a time in the history of the Territory when the Church had greater opportunities and wider fields of usefulness offered to her in Utah. Bishop Walden writes: "the opportunity for consecrated women to do effective missionary work among the women and girls of Utah is better now than at any previous period." The plain, providential call seems to be to provide for more direct missionary work. I trust that you will see your way clear to liberally increase the appropriation, as no field is more important or more needy. Do not falter for a moment now. This is the want which the Deaconess will supply in the City Missionary Work, which work this Society was organized to do. As the conditions are greatly changed in Utah, it may be well for us to take a look backward and compare the present condition of the work in Utah with that of the past.

DAVIS HALL, named for our President, was the first work of this Society, at a cost of \$6,000. It is still used for a boarding hall for teachers and girls in the Methodist Seminary. When we visited there last May, this house was full, and those having charge of the work were compelled to turn away many seeking education in the Methodist Seminary. This work is none the less interesting because it is under the management of the Parent Board which could not have run the Seminary without such a building as our Society has provided for them.

SPENCER HOME, a memorial to God's workers, was built by one who denied herself that the work of winning souls for Christ, so dear to one she loved, might be carried on when he ceased from his labors. She also is not with us for God hath taken her, but the work goes on. In the beginning of the year, the school was opened with 29 scholars and increased every month until it numbered 50 at the close. There have been two beneficiaries in this Home the last year, one supported by the Northwest Iowa Conference Society, the other one by the missionaries themselves. Another dear little girl, which the dying mother left, saying she could die happy if she knew her little girl would go to the Mothers' Jewels Home, was taken to that Home by one of the missionaries. The Spencer Home is worth \$3,000 now. It has been enlarged and furnished during the last year at a cost of \$1,200, and is now a fitting memorial to the name it bears. Here in Salt Lake City, the Woman's Home Missionary Society has property worth more than \$10,000.

THOMSON MISSION.—When we undertook work at Mt. Pleasant, the Methodists had to worship in an old dance hall. Now both the English and Scandinavian congregations worship in the building built by our Society. The school this year has had an enrollment of 36 scholars, and the teacher here does good work for the Church. The Presbyterian Church has opened a fine Seminary, which accounts in part for the decrease in our school.

MORONI.—The building here is also used for church purposes, for the Methodists had neither church nor congregation until you provided a church for them. The school here opened in the beginning of the year

with 17 scholars, and at the close had 53. The progress of the Sabbath School was very encouraging.

SPRING CITY school has decreased. It only numbered 15 last year, so it has been discontinued, but the building is used by the Scandinavian congregation, which had no place of worship until this was provided. At this place the property is owned by the Parent Board, our Society supporting the teacher who had to be teacher, and preacher, and Sunday School superintendent. There was only one Methodist family in the town, all the rest being Mormons. The circuit was large, consequently the minister reached there very seldom, so it was decided that the money could be spent to better advantage in another field.

PROVO is another place where the Scandinavians had no church until your Society built one for them, and it is more needed now for church than for school purposes. We recommended that the brethren pay this Society for the building, as they need one. The school here last year numbered 35.

LOGAN.—Here the school building was the church until one was built. The school numbered over 50 last year and opens this year with great hopes for the future.

ELSINORE.—This is also the property of our Society and it supported a teacher here, who is pastor, teacher and superintendent. The school for the past year numbered 31.

RICHFIELD.—The church here was also built by our Society and deeded to the Local Board of Trustees. Previous to this there was no place of worship here except an old saloon that had been bought for the purpose.

THE "PHEBE PALMER MEMORIAL CHAPEL," IN EPHRAIM, was built through this Society by Mrs. Knapp, in memory of her mother, and deeded to a Local Board of Trustees. You will see by this review that you have been building better than you thought. You have built churches and schools and helped to establish the Scandinavian Mission. The work of this Society is no longer a part of the Utah Mission, but part of the North-west Norwegian and Danish Mission. The last General Conference divided the work, making the English work the Utah Mission, and the Scandinavian work part of the Norwegian Mission.

Your city missionaries have done good work, and their work like some of the work of the teachers cannot be tabulated. They have ministered to the poor, nursed the sick and prayed with the dying, visited the prisoner, cared for the orphan, sought the wandering, comforted the sorrowing, fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and done what they could to save the sinning in pointing them to the Saviour of sinners. Will you this coming year increase your appropriation, and thus reinforce the workers already in the field so that you may have as many workers in the Utah Mission as you have in the Norwegian Mission?

This Society has invested in Utah more than \$25,000 in property, besides supporting teachers and missionaries, and sending supplies to the ministers and schools for distribution among the poor.

MRS. R. W. P. GOFF, *Secretary*.

Bureau for Indians.

Because of the decision last year to strengthen and not enlarge the work, the Indian Bureau has undertaken no new missions.

PAWNEE, in care of Mrs. Bowden, has continued the usual work. Agent Ward has alternated with Mrs. Bowden in preaching at the little

Indian church, of which there are about 75 members, quite a number having been added this year. Mrs. Bowden resigned in September and went to the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School at Washington. A minister and wife will be appointed to that place.

PONCA, thirty-five miles from Pawnee, has been in the hands of Mrs. E. Smith, who reports increasing improvement among the Indians. She brings the women to her house to make garments, and requires the attendance of such at church and Sunday School. She also instructs them in religion when at her house, to which they are attracted by the sewing supplies. One Indian came in and kneeling signified his desire to be prayed for. The mission is in an improved condition.

PAWHUSKA is now known as the ADELAIDE SPRINGER OSAGE MISSION, so named by the Upper Iowa Conference. [At the instance of Commissioner Morgan, our excellent girls' school was transferred last February to the Government. It is still prospering in the hands of the former superintendent, Mrs. Marsh. We own two commodious cottages, and a plain school building now vacant, at this place. One cottage rents at \$10 per month and the other is occupied by the pastor's family, whose wife, Mrs. H. C. Palmer, is our missionary.

The Government bought a part of our school and boarding furniture to the amount of over \$300.00. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer have been carefully disposing of what is left. For this they have received \$190.00 cash, \$61.00 still uncollected. These missionaries are faithfully visiting all classes of people including whites, who are very needy, as well as the Indians. As a fruit of our mission, there is a good church at the agency, of which Mr. Palmer is the pastor. The transition of the school caused a great deal of care and labor to the missionaries in disposing of our goods. But they are now earnestly engaged in direct missionary work.

The Pawnees are very poor but industrious, some of them having comfortable houses. The Poncas are very poor also. For supplies for sewing, \$25 have been spent to good advantage as an attraction to hear the gospel.

UKIAH, CAL.—We have an ideal mission. Miss Powers, formerly our missionary, is employed by Mrs. Dorchester in a school composed of children and adults. Rev. J. L. Burchard, a former agent, now our missionary, has long had the hearts of these Indians—known as the *Digger Indians*. They have erected two little chapels, costing several hundred dollars, for which the Indian women and men have given to their utmost ability. Two others are in process of erection, owing to the devoted giving of the missionary who, like the Indians, has exhausted his means for the beloved cause. These Indians are scattered over a large territory, necessitating long journeys. Polygamous marriages are forbidden. Mr. Burchard has united in lawful marriage this year five such couples. A very vigorous and successful work has been done in closing out saloons, so destructive to the alcohol-loving Indian. This mission is truly a fountain of saving influences to the whole country.

STICKNEY HOME, LYNDEN, WASH., has been completed this year, and an interesting school opened. We have 25 acres of good farming land, and raised nearly enough vegetables last year to supply the school. The school has suffered from the summer vacation but is again resuming its old number of about 30. After the close of the Government contract in June, the school must be sustained without governmental help. There are many opportunities for the enlargement of our Indian work, which we hope ere long the Society will do, having strengthened its many stations elsewhere. Let it be remembered that Indian stations hold the frontier for evil or good, and hence are of great importance.

MRS. H. C. MCCABE, *Secretary*.

Bureau for Alaska.

[NOTE.—Owing to the action of General Conference, which in effect closed the work in Alaska, the report presented by the Secretary of the Bureau, setting forth the financial needs and plans, was laid on the table. Some extracts from the report that furnish information of general interest are here given.—EDITOR.]

Probably all know that the action of the General Conference prevented the completion of the contract which was ready to be closed for the erection of the Jesse Lee Home. But to fulfill the numerous promises to generous and patient contributors to this work, and if possible to comfort our long suffering teachers there, I accepted from the North American Commercial Company their kind offer of a free passage out and return. On the 3rd day of July I left Port Townsend in search of our long "promised land." At 1 A. M. on the eleventh day out, over rougher seas than the Pacific usually furnishes, Alaska became to me a reality. Its first greeting was extended at this midnight hour by one of its most active volcanoes. By noon I was seated in our dilapidated Jesse Lee Home, surrounded by the bright faces of our fifteen girls, with a background of two such sad, discouraged ones, that my heart was nearly broken.

The girls had been told over and over that Mrs. Daggett was coming to bring them a new Home, and every steamer that came into the harbor was eagerly watched by both teachers and scholars. "Where is our Home?" came from all sides. How could I say I did not bring it, nor any one to help Mrs. Tuck?

* * * * From the first it has been the aim of all connected with this work to have it considered a Government school. Had it been otherwise we should not have received the sanction of the Bishop of the Greek Church, as we did while I was there.

The first Sabbath after my arrival I had the pleasure of seeing this Bishop go through his ceremonies in his gold embroidered satin robes. This Bishop's assistant often called at the Home to join with us at evening prayers. He read our Bible, and being a fine musician, he most charmingly played our "Hamilton Organ" and sweetly sung our Gospel Hymns.

The dissolute mother of one of our fourteen-year old girls was doing her best to get her daughter to run away. We did not know that the Bishop knew anything about this until his assistant informed us that he had said the girl should stay with us until she was eighteen.

* * * * Two years ago when these girls came to us looking and acting more like wild animals than human beings, they could not speak a word of English. To-day from our little six-year-old Parsha to Tatiana of nineteen, all know the names of the books in both the Old and New Testament, and can turn to any chapter in them readily and can sing well from "Gospel Hymns" and "Joy and Gladness." All the large ones are learning to cook, and some cook well; two are learning dress-making, and one of these is taking special lessons in both vocal and instrumental music from Mr. Tuck. Parsacovia is as good a laundress as one need ask for. Each knows her duty, and at the close of morning prayers all go to their places without a word from anyone. Little Parsha on her knees with an eagle's wing brushes dust from under the heavy furniture.

These girls so transformed in two years that those who knew them when in the holes in the ground, their only home, do not now recognize them, must be protected from the wolves in human shape that come to our Home from whale ships or war vessels and gaze in at the windows or try to talk through the cracks and knot holes in the fence.

They can never safely go out alone except in front of the house with the eyes of Mr. or Mrs. Tuck upon them; never go to the green hills and

mountains covered with loveliest flowers from base to summit, without one or more adults to protect them. Even then these creatures follow and stare at and speak to them, if not kept closely grouped around their escort.

Unga.

Good news comes from Unga, with only one drawback. Mrs. McKinney had a dangerous attack of pneumonia last Spring, from which she has not fully recovered. To show the interest that is manifested in our work by those who are not connected with it I may say that the mining engineer at the gold mines of Unga told me that if we would send one of our girls over to help Mrs. McKinney he would pay her fare if the company would not take her free.

The Martha Ellen Stevens cottage was in process of erection when I left, and will prove a great comfort to our missionaries. Mrs. McKinney took three boys into her own house, with the result that from coarse, bad boys, they became quiet and well-behaved.

The miners there would be greatly benefited if books were sent to them, such as histories, biographies, travels, etc. All should be easy reading, as few are well acquainted with our language. This mining engineer says many of them are steady, industrious young men who will become good citizens if proper aid is given them.

MRS. L. H. DAGGETT, *Secretary.*

[NOTE.—The committee appointed (See minutes, page 41) to convey the appropriations to the General Missionary Committee which met in Baltimore, Nov. 9th, later presented the subjoined report to the General Executive Board, which that body adopted and ordered to be published as an official statement.—EDITOR.]

A Statement.

The committee appointed by the General Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, to convey to the managers of the Missionary Society its appropriations for the year, presented them through Bishop Walden.

The appropriations for Alaska, in consequence of General Conference action, were referred to the General Executive Board and left subject to the action of the managers of the Missionary Society. The Woman's Home Missionary Society being under constitutional obligation to submit its "Fields of labor and plans of work for the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society," a brief statement of the facts in the case and of plans for work in Alaska was made and presented, with the lists of appropriations. We explained that for the two contract schools in Alaska, we have expended over \$8,000 in buildings and school supplies; that our plans had been based on the promise of government aid; that when the General Conference decided against such co-operation on the part of the benevolent societies of our church, we informed the department at Washington that we would not renew the contracts. We assured the Missionary Board that widespread interest has been awakened in behalf of Alaska; that friends all over the country will be greatly disappointed if the Society be obliged to withdraw from this field; that we have several thousand dollars in the treasury for that object and could pledge to make a reasonable appropriation annually for the support of missions in Alaska.

We respectfully suggested that the places where our missions are located might be attached to the Puget Sound Conference, which is nearest, and that a preacher be appointed to minister to the wants of the people; that though the native population is small at Unalaska, it is an important port and is frequented by many trading vessels; that both at Unalaska

and Unga we have buildings that would answer a good purpose for a dwelling, a chapel or a small school. We earnestly appealed to the managers of the Missionary Society to adopt the work and approve of our making an appropriation to carry it on.

It will be remembered that the action of the General Conference on the subject of contract schools was absolute. [See minutes, page 18.—ED.]

The Woman's Home Missionary Society entered upon mission work in this Territory under the impression that the Aleutian Islands had been assigned to the Methodist Church in fraternal conference, and that we were carrying out the wish of the Church.

United States law has little authority in Alaska. The Aleutian Islands are under the control, by lease, of a great commercial company. If we were not under obligation to work under the authority of the Missionary Society, we are informed by Mrs. Daggett, Secretary of the Bureau, who has recently visited Alaska, and by others acquainted with the field, that it would be difficult, if not impossible, for our Society to successfully carry on a school or mission without the moral support of the authority of the government or the church.

Members of the Alaskan and Indian Bureaus, and interested friends from Washington and Baltimore, joined us (Mrs. Davis and the Corresponding Secretary) in our conference with the Missionary Board, and these ladies submitted their earnest arguments with ours in behalf of the petition.

The following resolution was adopted the next day by the managers of the Missionary Society. Bishop Merrill representing the committee, presented the report as follows:

"Your committee on new work beg to report that after an interview with the representatives of the Woman's Home Missionary Society concerning the establishment of a mission station in Alaska, we gave the matter careful consideration, and, while we fully appreciate the good purpose of the Society in seeking to establish a work in the Aleutian Islands, yet, although without our assistance they cannot go forward with this work, we cannot see our way clear at this time to establishing a mission there, especially in view of the smallness of the population accessible in said islands and the occupancy of the mainland of Alaska by other evangelical churches."

The committee which brought in this report was composed of Bishops Merrill, Walden and Ninde; Rev. Drs. M. S. Hard, J. F. Chaffee, G. C. Wilding, M. D. C. Crawford; Hon. Alden Speare and Hon. E. L. Dobbins.

Supplies sufficient to maintain the school inaugurated in Unalaska until next July were sent late last summer; hence the work for the present will not suffer. We are advised that the government will probably provide a school building in the spring, and in that case Prof. Tuck, the present superintendent of the school and mission, has signified his intention to remain in charge of the government school. This will continue the work under the same favorable auspices for the people of the Aleutian Islands, and while our disappointment in not being able to carry on the enterprise as we had planned it is great, we will be obliged to be content with this arrangement. The committee, however, is in conference with the authorities at Washington, and of the Church, in the hope that a practicable plan will be found for continuing the work in Alaska. The amount of the special fund which remains unexpended will be held by the treasurer until the next meeting of the Board of Managers, which alone has the authority to appropriate moneys. It is possible the way may open with the approval of the Church to renew the work in Alaska in a form that will be satisfactory to all parties concerned.

In behalf of the General Executive Board,

ELIZA G. DAVIS, } Committee.
ELIZABETH L. RUST, }

Bureau for Supplies.

My report of the Bureau for Supplies comprises only the work done between November 15, 1891, and August 23, 1892. We feel very grateful for the measure of success attending this department of the work of our Society. Having had the superintendency of the Glenn Industrial Home in Cincinnati during its formative period, in connection with this work, it has been impossible for your Secretary to devote her entire time to this Bureau. The success attained has been due to God's guidance and help, and the accurate work of the Secretaries of Supplies in various Conferences.

Too much cannot be said of the good accomplished by this particular line of our work. Not only does it secure the sympathy of our Home Missionary organizations, but in a number of instances Foreign Missionary auxiliaries have, in this way, helped to spread the work of Christ in our land. In some cases individual churches having no women's organizations of any kind have sent valuable supplies. Especially was this true during the "spring floods" in the Southwest. At that time on one Presiding Elder's District twenty-four ministers were relieved by our workers and friends. Other inundated districts received proportionate aid.

We have tried through *Home Missions*, and personal correspondence to stimulate our societies to supply our Homes not only with household goods but with wearing apparel as well, to be used for the pupils. Many of our girls secure enough money for board and tuition, but have almost no clothing. Some of the superintendents make it a rule to have the girls work for a certain grade of excellence and then reward them with a dress or other needed garment. Some are thus enabled to remain in our Homes who must otherwise have withdrawn before the close of the year. Then we have aided some theological students to remain in the Seminary because of clothing sent them. In one instance, a young man attending the University and supplying a mission church told his Presiding Elder he must give up his work because he had not clothing fit to wear in his pulpit. The Presiding Elder applied to this Bureau; help was sent, and the young man remained in school and at work. His Elder wrote, "In his new suit he looked as well as any minister in the land. His work is progressing gloriously and souls are being saved."

Besides this, the work for "frontier ministers" has been pushed and responses to appeals for aid have been as prompt as practicable. It has been our policy to send goods directly to pastors needing aid. The only exceptions made were during the floods referred to, when to a few presiding elders, boxes were sent for distribution. Presiding elders and pastors have written repeatedly, saying in substance, "if it were not for the supplies sent us by the Woman's Home Missionary Society, our work would necessarily in many places be suspended."

I desire to recommend that in each Conference there be elected a Secretary of Supplies. It is impossible for a general officer to correspond with each auxiliary, but a local officer can keep in touch with every society in her Conference. During the year this has been done with much success in various Conferences. Let auxiliaries apply to the Conference officer when desiring the name and address of a beneficiary, then report to her the value of supplies sent. Let each Conference Secretary of Supplies apply to the General Secretary for names and addresses. Let her report monthly the supplies sent from her Conference. Immediately after the monthly report appears in *Home Missions*, vouchers should be sent to the Conference Secretaries. We believe if these rules were strictly enforced there would be no duplicating of supplies to one, thereby causing some one else perhaps to suffer from actual want.

Reports have been made monthly so far as possible to *Home Missions*. This has simplified the work and is, on the whole, the best method of reporting.

Called away from Cincinnati by the serious illness of my mother, I withdraw from active association with the Bureau. Reluctantly I took this work, reluctantly I relinquish it, asking only that it may prove as great a blessing to my successor as it has been to me.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES.

Forwarded from November 1, 1891, to November 1, 1892.

NAMES OF CONFERENCES.	Estimated value.	NAMES OF CONFERENCES.	Estimated value.
Baltimore, ...	\$862 25	North Indiana, ...	312 45
California, ...	255 40	North Nebraska, ...	835 63
Central Illinois, ...	79 75	Northern New York, ...	1,434 45
Central New York, ...	1,534 83	North Ohio, ...	1,200 76
Central Ohio, ...	502 96	North-west Indiana, ...	5 00
Central Pennsylvania, ...	2,142 76	North-west Iowa, ...	305 02
Cincinnati, ...	1,775 67	Oregon, ...	210 00
Colorado, ...	896 38	Ohio, ...	521 66
Columbia River, ...	168 50	Philadelphia, ...	4,110 55
Detroit, ...	3,191 84	Pittsburgh, ...	416 03
East Ohio, ...	1,099 40	Rock River, ...	1,970 05
East Tennessee, ...	55 00	South-east Indiana, ...	97 55
Erie, ...	2,275 50	South Kansas, ...	136 00
Genesee, ...	3,107 39	South-east Kansas, ...	28 35
Holston, ...	38 20	South-west Kansas, ...	900 87
Illinois, ...	496 43	St. Louis, ...	83 25
Idaho, ...	28 00	Troy, ...	2,128 84
Iowa, ...	667 49	Upper Iowa, ...	635 81
Kansas, ...	226 08	Vermont, ...	685 55
Kentucky, ...	111 00	West Wisconsin, ...	330 00
Maine, ...	220 98	Wilmington, ...	359 23
Michigan, ...	1,282 68	Wyoming, ...	294 39
Minnesota, ...	450 55		
Nebraska, ...	296 08	Sent by Conferences, ...	\$53,214 00
Newark, ...	1,387 16	Sent by Epworth Leagues,	
New England, ...	3,325 37	Woman's Christian Tem-	
New England Southern, ...	2,912 19	perance Unions, and	
New Hampshire, ...	549 06	Woman's Foreign Mis-	
New Jersey, ...	766 17	sionary Societies, ...	\$2,049 89
New York, ...	4,959 92		
New York East, ...	447 77	Total, ...	\$55,363 89

[NOTE.—Of this \$55,363.89, the estimated total value, \$47,541.69 had been reported to Mrs. Wells, the Secretary of the Bureau, up to the 23d of August, the time when she left the office. The official itemized statement is considerably below the actual value of supplies sent, as many have not been properly reported.—EDITOR.]

MRS. MAY LEONARD WELLS, *Secretary*.

Bureau for Local Missionary Work.

The organized City Work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is largely done under the supervision of other Bureaus and is, therefore, reported to this Board by the Secretaries of these Bureaus. The work of the visiting deaconesses, the Italian, the Bohemian and the French Missions, and the Immigrant work are all city work, and most of it is supported by local contributions and under the direction of local committees, as is the work reported by this Bureau. The Secretary makes this explanation lest some one not acquainted with our Missions should suppose

that this report covers the entire field of effort in our cities. A very large percentage of city work is not so thoroughly organized and systematically carried on as to be formally reported to this Bureau, and yet it is both useful and profitable. Such reports as have come to me I condense and present to you.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society has in Glenn Home in Cincinnati not only a headquarters of city missionary work but the headquarters of the entire Society. The meetings of the General Executive Board are held here, the office of the Bureau of supplies is here and the general correspondence is carried on from here. The Cincinnati Conference has thus far assumed the support of this Home as its special work. The following is the report of its Committee: During the year three missionaries, two kindergarten teachers with two assistants, and three teachers of domestic science have been employed in the Home. Our missionaries not only visit regularly among the poor and sick of the city but they hold services in the Jail, the Infirmary, the Hospital, and the Work House. Evangelical meetings have been held at mission points and two services a week have been held at the Home. God has set his seal upon this work, for scores of souls have been converted and many precious little ones baptized.

It seems hardly possible, but the Superintendent of our Kindergarten assures me that in one of our schools thirty little ones had never heard the true Christmas story, the story of the birth of Jesus until they learned it at Christmas time in our Kindergarten. Our teachers faithfully visit the homes of the little ones so as to win the parents, if possible, through the children.

Through the liberality of one of our Cincinnati ladies, the teaching of domestic science was introduced into Glenn Home. Our pay classes, as well as the free ones were full, in fact the culinary art became so popular that through the influence of our ladies domestic science has been added to the curriculum of the public schools. Sewing schools for both white and colored girls have been held; night schools and various other branches of industrial and missionary work have been pursued with success. Thousands of tracts have been distributed, many Bibles have been given away, and children have been clothed and gathered into our Sunday Schools.

Sioux City, Iowa, reports the employment of a missionary, Miss E. E. Cummings, who has been full of good works. She has made 1,150 visits, has given 80 Testaments, conducted 33 meetings, found 100 families not attending any church, and 77 children not in Sunday School, sixty of whom she has brought in, forty families destitute of food and fifty destitute of clothing, to which she has distributed clothing supplied to her by friends, and \$70 worth of food and clothing supplied by the flood relief committees.

The North Indiana Conference reports work at Hagerstown done by a committee; visiting, distributing religious reading and clothing, and caring for the sick and destitute. Knightstown in the same Conference reports a similar plan of work.

The Michigan Conference reports work done by committees at Eau Claire, Battle Creek and Grand Rapids. The last shows much work done of a real missionary character; 395 visits made; 135 leaflets, Bibles and books distributed; 386 sick visited; 11 families found destitute of food; 28 families destitute of clothing; 732 garments distributed; seven persons brought to regular attendance upon church, 16 children brought to Sunday School.

Wilmington Conference is reported by Mrs. Weldin, who says: "It is with pleasure I can report great success in local work, though it is impossible to put upon paper just what has been done. \$220 have been expended this year, and we have in one auxiliary a fund of \$100 already

raised for local work the coming year. We are able to see our way clearer than ever before to profitable work."

Mrs. Hickman reports for Cleveland as follows:

"Our local work has been very successful this year. We have employed four missionaries most of the time, who visit from house to house and organize the children into sewing schools, hold mothers' meetings and cottage prayer meetings, and in various ways try to reach and save those outside of church influences. Miss Pershing, one of our missionaries, was sent to a neglected neighborhood on the West Side where the population are largely foreign. She organized a Sabbath School and it now numbers over one hundred scholars. She holds Sabbath evening services as well as services during the week, and is now arranging for a provisional class. It is probable that a church will soon be established as a result of her work.

"Our missionaries live among the people they serve, and are doing much good. Their assistance is sought in the city churches but, associated with some church, they are usually kept working among the masses outside. We shall spend nearly \$1,200 this year in local work."

Mrs. Tomkinson reports for the Central Pennsylvania Conference:

In the absence of any thoroughly organized local missions, and with a view to leading up to such work, the Conference officers have advised the following method: 1st. The appointment of committees on local work in each auxiliary; 2nd. The districting and distribution of territory among sub-committees; 3d. Seeking out and caring for the poor, sick, and neglected, and bringing them to church and Sunday School; 4th. Emphasizing the *missionary* purpose as the impelling motive of such efforts; and, 5th, Careful reporting and tabulation of the work done. While this order has not always been observed, and much has been done in a desultory way, and very much has not been reported at all, we despise not the day of small things. The amount of money expended and reported to the Treasurer is \$412.00.

We have one field which strongly appeals to us for organized work, that of the miners congregated about Hazleton,—Hungarians and Italians, but we do not know how to get the means to start such a work.

The East Tennessee Conference reports through the Secretary, Mrs. Provine, donations to the amount of \$136.00, and supplies to Morristown. Wyoming Conference reports through Mrs. Bump as follows:

Many of our auxiliaries are doing *real* missionary work through their local committee. I would like to make especial mention of some. Providence Church, Scranton, has used \$110 in helping a mission church; Jennyn, Milford, Norwich, Shenango Street and High Street, Binghamton, have all just commenced in this good work, each expending quite an amount of money, and sending their vouchers to the General Treasurer.

Centenary Church, Binghamton, has a very faithful committee. This committee has made in the past year 424 visits, 105 visits to the sick, brought to Sunday School 14 children, and supplied to the destitute both food and clothing. Tabernacle auxiliary, Binghamton, still employ as their missionary Miss Mary Wallace, who is untiring in her efforts to minister to the neglected, destitute, sick and dying, in that part of the city. No sacrifice seems too great for her if thereby she may reach some souls and bring them to Christ. Her report for the year ending October 1st, is as follows: Number of calls made, 2061, number of visits to sick, 488, visits to the unconverted, 623, garments distributed, 433, religious papers and leaflets, 259, baskets of fruit sent the sick, 66, bouquets of flowers to the sick, 96, Bibles distributed, 11, persons helped to employment, 5, persons brought to regular attendance upon church, 40, persons brought to Sunday School, 56, Bible readings given, 26, mothers' meetings held, 24, persons converted, 21.

This report gives only a part of the work accomplished, as she spent

days with the sick and dying, and has been called upon to help conduct funeral services; she has made and repaired many of the garments given to those brought into church and Sunday School. The sewing school for girls connected with this work has an average attendance of 40, the children coming from the most wretched homes. Another department of the work that Miss Wallace has been very successful in is the Home Class, which I mentioned in my report of last year. The results from that work are most cheering. There is a membership of 230. Each member is visited once a quarter and given the lesson helps. Everyone is assigned to some class in the main school, so if at any time it is possible for him to attend he feels at home. Many interesting cases of those that are sick or confined to the house through some great misfortune, and those that have thought themselves forsaken, might be cited, who have been brought to a knowledge of Christ through these means.

Seranton First Church has employed a missionary, Miss Tillie Hawley, for the past five months, who has been doing a good work. She has made 598 visits, given 10 Bibles and books, led 10 Bible readings, visited 61 families not attending church, found 40 children not in Sunday School, and 12 families destitute of food and clothing, distributed 20 garments, helped four to employment, brought 20 to Sunday School and several to church attendance. Vouchers to the amount of \$1,438 have been sent to the General Treasurer from this Conference this year for local work.

Mrs. M. Benson reports much work done in the West Wisconsin Conference but cannot give details. The aggregate of money spent is \$233.

The auxiliaries of Columbus, O., employ Mrs. L. Hurlbut to do city mission work on Seventh Street, a locality long abandoned to vice and immorality. She visits every day among the sick and the unfortunate. She holds religious services every evening, sometimes at the Haig Mission, sometimes in a tent erected for that purpose, and sometimes she goes in a "gospel wagon" from one crime center to another to hold services among those who otherwise would not hear the gospel. Mrs. Hurlbut's success this year encourages us to continue her work in the year before us.

Mrs. Maxfield reports for Omaha, North Nebraska Conference:

We have improved in our system of work as churches and as individuals. More work has been done than ever before, but not all of it by the Home Missionary Society. The deaconesses have done much. None of our workers have received pay. Some ladies have given time to visiting and to sewing. Food, fuel, furniture, medicine, clothing, rent, books and papers have been given. Children have been clothed and sent to Sabbath School, the sick visited; employment has been found for some, and many brought to Sabbath services.

Mrs. J. D. Hammond, from far off San Francisco, reports that the auxiliaries have helped needy preachers' families, have supported free kindergartens, have contributed to the support of Deaconess work, and to Indian and Alaskan work.

She says "We are glad that the funds reported are more than three times as large as last year. It is impossible to estimate in figures what has been accomplished, but 1,421 visits have been made, 804 leaflets and books distributed, 267 sick visited, 32 have been helped to employment, 14 brought to Sunday School. We have raised in money for all purposes, \$3,781.73.

There is some complaint that the blanks provided are not adapted to all the circumstances attending local work. It is hardly expected that any blank will be adapted to all fields. It is quite possible that a better one than the one we have can be devised. The one provided serves as a guide as to kinds of work proposed by the Society, but the best report may often be a written one, using the blank as a general guide only.

The Conference officers are coming to understand that it is only regularly organized mission work that this Bureau wishes to recognize

and report, and not sporadic and unauthorized benevolences, either within or outside our congregations, by our auxiliaries or others.

This work may be done by missionaries or through committees, but it should be methodical, pursued with a steady purpose, and according to a previously arranged plan, and have an issue in doing marked good to the souls and bodies of men. This Society has a right to expect results from money raised and expended in its name. Unless the Bureau of Local Work insists upon well defined, carefully planned, steadily pursued and economically managed city work, it will be better to abandon it lest it be a temptation to spend money and time to no profit.

The amount of money spent is no certain measure of the amount of good accomplished. The Conference officers should report only such work as they believe to be *missionary work* as we understand it. Not parish work, not impulsive and incidental giving, but honest *missionary work*.

MRS. W. G. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

Bureau for Reading Circle.

Fifteen Conferences are represented in the report for the Reading Circle. The number of readers in each Conference is as follows :

Northern New York 83, North Ohio 68, Central New York 63, New England 61, Tennessee 52, Wilmington 39, South Kansas 36, New England Southern 22, Newark 19, South-east Indiana 18, New York East 11, Florida 4, New Hampshire 4, Michigan 3.

This gives a total of 502 readers reported by name, and represents probably not more than half the actual number. One auxiliary reported forty members and sent only four names. No report whatever came from several Conferences in which there were many readers. The banner is awarded to the Northern New York Conference, which leads the list. This banner was left a year ago in the Lucy Webb Hayes Deaconess Home in Washington by the North Ohio Conference.

"How the Other Half Lives," by Jacob Riis, has been added as the book for the third star course, and has been received with enthusiasm. It cannot fail to awaken deep interest in the problem of city evangelization. A new leaflet has just been published which gives a full explanation of the plans of the Circle. In order that these may be fully understood, we quote from the leaflet :

Course of Reading.

FIRST YEAR.—*Woman's Home Missions*; "Our Country," by Josiah Strong, D. D.; "A Century of Dishonor," by Helen Hunt Jackson.

SECOND YEAR.—*Woman's Home Missions*; "Alaska," by Sheldon Jackson; "Modern Cities," by Loomis.

THIRD YEAR.—*Woman's Home Missions*; "An Appeal to Cæsar," by Tourgee; "The Mormon Problem," by Lyford.

FIRST STAR COURSE.—*Woman's Home Missions*; "Deaconesses in Europe, etc.," by Mrs. J. B. Robinson; Annual Report.

SECOND STAR COURSE.—*Woman's Home Missions*; "In Memoriam. Lucy Webb Hayes," by Mrs. E. G. Davis; Annual Report.

THIRD STAR COURSE.—*Woman's Home Missions*; "How the Other Half Lives," by Jacob Riis; Annual Report.

The regular course extends over three years and covers our mission field. A star course is added every year. We lay special emphasis on the reading of "*Woman's Home Missions*," and the "Annual Report." These contain information *to date*.

Plan of Reading.

It is best to begin with the first year and read the books in order. In this respect our plan of reading differs from that of the Chautauqua Circle. More than one year's course may be read in one year and due credit will be given if duly reported. We recommend that each Society have its librarian and as many sets of books as possible; that the librarian keep these books in circulation among the members of the society, and keep a record of the reading done by each member. When this is impossible, we recommend that the books be placed in the Sunday School or church library, and that members of the Reading Circle make use of them.

* Reporting.

The Corresponding Secretary of each auxiliary shall report quarterly on the regular blanks to the Conference Secretary, who shall forward to the Bureau Secretary a statement concerning number and increase of members.

Annually, in June, the auxiliary Secretaries should send to Conference Secretaries a complete list of all members, giving names in full, and indicating work done by figures and stars, thus :

Mrs. A. B. Smith, 1.

Mrs. C. D. Jones, 2.

Mrs. E. F. Brown, 1*, 2*.

According to this, Mrs. Smith has completed the first year's course; Mrs. Jones, the second, and Mrs. Brown, first and second star course. The Conference Secretaries should send this complete list to the Bureau Secretary, who will have the names of all readers published.

Badges.

A red badge is awarded for the first year's course of reading, a white one for the second, and a blue one for the third. A certificate signed by the Conference Secretary will be given upon the completion of the regular course. These certificates contain blank stars which can be filled with gilt ones as the star courses are completed. The badges, certificates and stars may be obtained from the Secretary of the Bureau, upon application from the Conference Secretary who will award them. Ribbon badges will be sent on payment of ten cents apiece, otherwise paper ones are used.

Suggestions will be made and questions answered every month through "*Woman's Home Missions*." In this way, every member can keep herself informed concerning all details.

Mrs. J. L. Trisler, Hartwell, O., is the newly elected Secretary of this Bureau. We ask for her a cordial reception, the hearty co-operation of all members of the Reading Circle, and a year's work crowned with success.

MRS. W. F. McDOWELL, *Secretary*.

Bureau for Immigrants.

Thanks to the Christ of the poor and of the stranger, we have had prosperity in all our work. Many things have combined to show our nation the need of this service. The investigations of the Commission appointed by the United States Government to ferret out the schemes of Immigration Societies the other side of the sea, making America a "dumping ground" for Old World pauperage and crime; light thrown upon abuses in the steerage of ocean steamers, endangering the chastity of immigrant girls; attention drawn to the steamship schedules, landing passengers on the Lord's day, making it the busiest of the week, and

depriving Government employes and missionaries of their Sabbath rest and worship; all these have shown our work to be of the first importance.

The cholera in New York Harbor was God's object lesson, setting before the nation the moral death that must come from this foreign inflow, unless we hold a rigid quarantine of missions and all other works of grace. Our Immigrants' Homes are the nation's safeguard.

The Philadelphia Immigrant Girls' Home

has been well cared for by its excellent Local Committee, its energetic matron, and the efficient deaconesses who have visited all incoming steamers. It has doubled its capacity for service by renting the house next door. The partitions have been taken out of the first story, making a pleasant little chapel and school room. The two upper floors are to be filled with beds for the immigrants. With God's blessing, this Home will become the centre of work among our poor foreigners who will need our help for years to come as surely as now. The work done with even our former small space is excellent. Persons sheltered, 166; Meals furnished, 2,709; Lodgings, 835.

The Boston Immigrants' Home

has met the condition that frees it from debt. The "bee hives" of our New England women are typical of their industry. Two years ago last February, the Home was bought, costing, with repairs, \$17,350. It has taken no small energy and self-sacrifice to raise this money. Three of them, beside the missionary, went from auxiliary to auxiliary to present the claims of the Home. No wonder that they had a doxology tearful with joy when the last money came in.

Now that the debt is provided for, it is no longer necessary to rent half the building. It will all soon be full of the different departments of our work. Number of lodgings, 1,603; Meals, 5,299; Boats and trains met, 156; Missionary calls made, 100; Religious meetings held, 208; Persons helped to find work, 100; Conversions, 12.

The New York Immigrant Girls' Home

has seen some changes during the year. Mrs. Smith finding the work very heavy resigned, and Miss Alma Matthews took her place. Not long after she left us for other work, and Miss Mary Orr of Niles, O., and Miss Alice Barker of Montclair, N. J., were placed in charge. The work of this Home is very hard, caring for its share of the half million immigrants who land at this port each year. The cholera quarantine has made it harder, yet the missionaries have served faithfully.

We must begin in earnest to gather up our building fund. The Government may take our present site any day for the Custom House. Property is enormously dear in that locality, but we cannot go up town to find cheaper quarters. We must stay near the Ellis Island Ferry. All the Church will have to help us. New York is the chief port of entry for the millions who come to our country for its weal or woe. So many stop here that they are killing out the moral life of the city. New York is fast becoming a most needy missionary field. All the nation will have to help care for the immigrants of the great metropolis.

The Italian Girls' Home

was opened last January, though it took some time to get leases, plumbing, furnishings and indentures all adjusted. We occupy the parlor floor of a house in the Italian quarter for our Sunday School, Sabbath afternoon service, prayer meetings, sewing school, Helping Hand, &c., &c. Our

Home and Industrial School in another house has a family of twelve. The children, gathered from among the poorest, are all converted, and they improve rapidly. Forty adults have been received into the Church, with Miss Ruddy for their class leader. God's blessing has been upon this mission in a marked manner.

While the Secretary of the Bureau has gone among the churches organizing auxiliaries, and stirring them to interest in this work, she has seen that it appeals to the common sense of the common people, which the wise Lincoln used so often to consult. He said in his pithy way, "You can fool some of the people all the time, all the people sometimes, but not all the people all the time." Mammonists and demagogues have hoodwinked the mass of the people on this tremendous immigration business as long as they can. Eyes are being opened, a little roughly, perhaps, to its magnitude. Every thoughtful person must see that this immigrants' work is his as well as ours. And what can we do in Philadelphia, Boston and New York, with such odds against us, if everybody does not send money to our treasury, women to our help, and prayers to heaven on our behalf.

J. FOWLER WILLING, *Secretary*.

Bureau for Deaconess Work.

We come to this meeting with our border enlarged, with the certainty that we have before us four years before the next great gathering of our Church fathers, in which to prove ourselves skillful workmen, prepared to do service for this great branch of woman's service, which is so freely open before us.

From seven Homes of one year ago, we have grown to eleven centers of Deaconess work. We name to you Baltimore, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Des Moines, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Syracuse and Washington as centers of Deaconess work in loyal co-operation with the Woman's Home Missionary Society. It is but three years since our Society at Indianapolis passed the resolution, now become famous, that "the Woman's Home Missionary Society expresses its willingness to assume the care of Deaconess Homes whenever such Homes shall be entrusted to it, subject to the limitations of the Discipline, in so far and as rapidly as financial considerations will permit."

Since this time the Church has had constantly presented to it questions of the organization and administration of Homes. To some of us it has seemed as if this question were given undue prominence, as the fact remains that to "minister to the poor, visit the sick, pray with the dying, care for the orphans, seek the wandering, comfort the sorrowing, and save the sinning," are the real ends of all labor. Whether these ends be attained by independent effort or by working in connection with the Woman's Home Missionary Society, the woman's organization of the Church, is a matter that the General Conference has wisely left undecided for the present.

We are glad to see that a Divine Providence has smiled upon the Homes that are here represented. The Home at Baltimore was opened shortly after the last meeting of the Board of Managers, and was placed under the supervision of our Society, and is conducted by deaconesses from the Washington Home. The Home at Brooklyn was opened about the same time. Buffalo will have good news for you. The work at Des Moines was begun about four months ago by the services of a deaconess sent from the Washington Home, and warm, true hearted friends in that city are planning largely for the future. At Grand Rapids you may see for yourselves what a beautiful location has been obtained and what

promise there is for the future. Philadelphia has had the presentation of a beautiful Home, a permanent resting place. In San Francisco there is thought of establishing hospital work, and later a hospital, in connection with that Home. Syracuse has enlarged its numbers. The Lucy Webb Hayes Deaconess Home and Bible School at Washington has had a year of great prosperity; a year that has sorely tried its projectors with the new problems that had to be met, and in all the conditions that come with the first initiation of a great enterprise. It now opens its second year with a prestige of a fine beginning. Consecrated and eminent Bible scholars are connected with it as teachers or lecturers, and it offers rare opportunities for training, both in deaconess and general missionary lines.

According to the request of the Board of Managers, a memorial was presented to the General Conference of May, 1892, representing the work that had been accomplished in connection with the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and asking for a recognition of this work. The action of the General Conference, that by a majority of seventy-four, decided to continue the work as it is at present without any new legislation, was hailed with great pleasure by those who had at heart the interests of our work. We felt that we had received not only the endorsement of what we had done, but a commendation to continue as we had begun, or the action that was passed would not have received the sanction that it did.

We would make now an earnest plea to our friends to secure for us in the localities where you live good candidates for Deaconess work; so far as possible, send them for training to our central Deaconess Home at Washington, and enable us to have workers to meet the great demand made upon us. There come from Vermont, Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee and from New Jersey urgent requests that we are obliged to defer until we can obtain workers to meet our needs. We want strong, useful young women or middle aged women, between the ages of 25 and 40, who will consecrate themselves with singleness of purpose to this service.

A year ago we came to you with a request for your sanction to aid in starting a paper in connection with our Deaconess work. We felt the need of having an organ to represent the branch of the work with which we are peculiarly identified, and we also saw that there was a great field for a paper of non-controversial character. We have now issued four numbers of *The Deaconess at Work*, and the paper, as you have it, speaks for itself.

A year ago it was suggested that an Advisory Committee of seven gentlemen, ministers and laymen, prominent in the work, should be secured, whose counsel and support would give strength to the Bureau. It is with gratification that we name the following gentlemen who have expressed their willingness to serve upon such a committee: Bishop W. X. Ninde, Detroit, Mich.; Mr. William Deering, Evanston, Ill.; Mr. Geo. O. Robinson, Detroit, Mich.; Dr. W. W. Clark, Bridgeport, Conn.; Mr. A. R. Cathcart, Baltimore, Md.; Dr. W. Swindells, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. S. Hamilton, Pittsburgh, Pa.

It is needful to emphasize the importance of improving the opportunity presented to our Society during the next quadrennial. Certain it is that the great home missionary field of the future is to be the large cities of our land, and equally certain it is that there is no more successful work for the needy and the unfortunate of these cities than the Deaconess work. It follows logically that the Woman's Home Missionary Society should prepare itself for this field of work by furnishing skilled workers as deaconesses.

There is not space to give in full the reports from the different Homes, but the principal facts of each report will be presented.

Baltimore.

The Baltimore Deaconess Home was opened February, 1892, with two deaconess probationers from the Washington Home. Miss Phinette K. Bristol was appointed superintendent, and the work was received with approval by the pastors and people of the different churches in the city. There have been three Industrial Schools connected with the Home.

Brooklyn.

(Reported by Mrs. Maynard.)

The Brooklyn Deaconess Home is associated with the Working Girls' Club and other local missionary agencies. The Working Girls' Home has for six years been the especial care of the New York East Conference. This work was merged with the Deaconess work, and a Deaconess Home and Training School was opened January 15th, 1892. Dr. W. W. Clark, Chairman of the Conference Board of Nine for the New York East Conference, has given invaluable service in the formation of the Home. A constitution and by-laws have been prepared under his special direction. Monthly meetings of the Board have been well attended and much interest has been aroused. November 1st was the day fixed upon for the opening of the work in the Training School. Three probationers are to enter upon the work.

The working girls have gathered regularly for the industrial classes in dress-making and plain sewing and millinery, and talks upon hygiene and entertainments have been given for them. Sewing school children of the juvenile department to the number of 200 have attended on Saturday afternoons. The mothers' meetings are full of interest.

As this Home has been opened so short a time, a summary of the work done will not be presented in this year's report.

Buffalo.

(Reported by Mrs. Minard.)

An increasing interest in the Home is manifested throughout the Genesee Conference. The various organizations of the Church are constantly remembering it. From these sources supplies have been received valued at \$700, and cash amounting to \$1,023.67. Seven deaconesses have been in the Home during the year, with an average of five continuously. Two of this number were licensed nurse deaconesses. There are 131 persons connected with the Home on various committees. The meetings of the Board of Trustees are held monthly; also the meetings of the Advisory Board, which is composed of representatives from all our Methodist churches in the city and has a membership of seventy-six. With this Board originated the plan of Saturday baskets, which furnish two-thirds of the food used on the table. Also, the plan of the annual thank-offering, which occurs on the 17th of December; and the plan of loan bags for use among the sick poor. The nurses are often in attendance where clean bedding and clothing is greatly needed, and these are furnished to the suffering ones.

Measures are in progress for purchasing a house for a permanent Home, a portion of the price of which has been donated. A summary of the visiting work done by the deaconesses will be found in the table at the close of the Bureau report.

Des Moines.

At Des Moines, Ia., a deaconess from the Washington Home has for the past four months been working in connection with the churches in the city. She is one of the best parish deaconesses and will no doubt do excellent work.

Detroit.

(Reported by Miss Gaddis.)

The work accomplished has been for the most part among the poor, sick and suffering—classes often unreached by the churches. All cases of suffering reported to us are looked after, and a regular system of house to house visitation is carried on, seeking those who need help, sympathy and kindness.

Very many persons are found who suffer in silence rather than ask charity, but they gladly receive a religious visitor. The sick who cannot be sent to hospitals are cared for in their own homes. Much time is spent in visiting the hospitals, in reading and talking with the sick, and in caring for their families. Many children are kept clothed and sent to day school and Sunday School. The statistics of work accomplished will be found in the accompanying table.

Grand Rapids.

(Reported by Mrs. Aldrich.)

The Aldrich Memorial Home is under way. A lot has been bought and paid for, and the house is to be built the coming year. Trustees have been chosen at a joint meeting of the Conference Board of Deaconesses and the Committee of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Michigan Conference. The Association was incorporated December 18th, 1891. The lot that has been purchased is centrally located in a fine residence portion of the city. The building as planned will comfortably accommodate twenty deaconesses, with provision for ten more. Contracts for construction will be let during the winter months.

To Mrs. Laura C. Aldrich is due the praise of having conceived the idea of a Deaconess Home in the city of Grand Rapids, as a tribute to her husband's memory. Mrs. Aldrich will be the Superintendent, and proposes to devote her life to this work.

Philadelphia.

(Reported by Mrs. Goff.)

The first Deaconess Home in Philadelphia was formally dedicated February 20th, 1890. Very soon after its beginning the need of a larger Home was strongly felt. This last year that need has been providentially met. In January, 1892, an all-day meeting of prayer and consecration was held, and at this meeting Mrs. Bishop Simpson handed to the Philadelphia Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society the keys of a house, large and commodious, costing \$10,000, being the gift of Colonel Bennett. This Home was dedicated March 10th, 1892. There are now seven deaconesses in the Home. Work has been maintained in missionary lines, visiting, nursing the sick and calling at hospitals. Nothing has been too humble for the workers, Miss Howard even doing the washing for one poor woman suffering with rheumatism. The work of primary importance has been among the children. Temperance and sewing schools have been maintained and many children placed in Sunday Schools. Forty steamers have been met, and 150 half-days have been devoted to immigrant work. From these facts and from the statistics found in the table, some idea can be obtained of the nature and extent of the work of the deaconesses in Philadelphia.

Pittsburg.

(Reported by Mrs. Van Vradenburg.)

The Home is in a prosperous condition and the work is making for itself a place among the people. The expenses of this Home have averaged about \$150 per month, a little less than 75 cents per day for individ-

uals. There has been an average of seven in the family. The work that has been accomplished is reported for the last sixteen months, from the time that the Home was opened, June 16th, 1891. The industrial school has opened a way into the homes of the Italians, and the fruit of these labors begins to appear. There are now nine members in the family, which will soon be increased to ten. There is a good financial plan by which the Home is maintained. There are also Deaconess Bands which aid in its support. Mr. S. Hazlett, a member of the Conference Board of Nine, has suggested this latter plan.

San Francisco.

(Reported by Mrs. Ebermann.)

Among the deaconesses in this Home is a Japanese girl who, having been converted, is now receiving training, and performing deaconess work among her own people. There have been many requests for nurse deaconesses. Lately, a nurse who has been receiving \$25 a week for her services, after a fierce struggle with self, has decided to minister "in his name" unto the least of these. In addition to the statements made of our work in the accompanying summary, many garments have been given to the poor, and money to the amount of \$300 has been carefully applied to their needs. Hundreds of Bibles, Testaments and tracts have been distributed. Twenty-six public addresses have been given. Count with the above list other ministrations to the poor, such as food given in emergencies, employment found for adults, and homes for needy children, with the unrecorded words of help dropped by the wayside, the unseen touches of sympathy, the silent "prayers of faith," and you have the history of about twelve months of "faith working by love." There are now but three inmates in the Home, including the Superintendent; two more are, however, expected. One of our true "Sisters" has been called apart into a "desert-place" of suffering.

Syracuse.

(Reported by Mrs. Brownell.)

The year begun with four in the Home family. We now have a family of eight, while others are seeking admission to our Home. Two have completed a course of study and were consecrated deaconesses at the last session of the Central New York Conference. The members of our Home can give two afternoons only each week for house to house visitation while pursuing the course of study; for this reason our report of practical work is no larger. The Home has been greatly improved during the year. Opportunities for presenting the work outside the city have multiplied. Our Home has won for itself a place throughout our Conference, and from adjoining Conferences we have had not only words of cheer, but substantial aid.

Washington.

(Reported by Mrs. Roach.)

Much practical work has been carried forward in connection with the Deaconess Home at Washington. There is a very great need of Christian service among the 80,000 colored people of the District. The "Slum Work" that has been carried on in connection with the Alley Mission is most encouraging in beneficial results. Mrs. I. N. Dalby, manager of the domestic part, spares no pains to make a happy home for the students and deaconesses. The inmates cheerfully conform to the rules of order and method that are necessary and yet not irksome. The outside work of the deaconesses is most faithfully and successfully performed. Among the

many instances of self-sacrificing labor mention is made of one nurse who had for four weeks nursed a man sick with typhoid fever, during the hot weather in July. The manager and two deaconesses cleaned another house of 23 rooms without any outside help. The report of the Corresponding Secretary will furnish further information in regard to the work accomplished at Washington.

The Superintendents' Annual Report.

ITEMIZED SUMMARY.	Baltimore.	Buffalo.	Detroit.	Philadelphia.	Pittsburg.	San Francisco.	Syracuse.
Calls made	2700	2014	7994	5253	7095	14278	. .
Opportunities for Prayer and Bible reading	373	679	1252	. .	3202	383	. .
Tracts distributed	780	2287	4188	7118	1390		. .
Sunday School Scholars taught	93	65	252	. .	1207		. .
Industrial School Scholars taught	92	186	248	. .	1554		. .
Meetings held and attended	298	136	267	95	1325	110	180
Days and parts of days spent in District Nursing	. .	. .	321	. .	. .	. .	. .
Night watches	9	. .	290	. .	. .	. .	. .
Families aided	50	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
Meetings addressed on Deaconess Work	46	. .	31	. .	. .	. .	. .
Baskets of provisions distributed	. .	130	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
Garments distributed	143	623	1050	1000	497	. .	900
Sick cared for	. .	. .	. .	587	1879	308	. .
Visits to Hospitals and Penitentiary	15	43	. .	50	324	. .	. .
Reported to ministers for membership	. .	. .	. .	. .	77	. .	. .
Scholars gathered for Sunday School	. .	. .	. .	100	82	153	. .
Scholars gathered for Industrial Schools	. .	. .	. .	. .	78	. .	. .
Conversions	. .	. .	. .	. .	50	15	. .
Hours spent in nursing sick	. .	5023	. .	. .	1331	. .	400
Cans of fruit distributed	. .	. .	200	187	. .	. .	. .
Children baptized	. .	. .	25	. .	. .	. .	. .
Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners given away	. .	. .	65	. .	. .	. .	. .
Bibles distributed	. .	15	. .	. .	. .	. .	35
Situations found for the unemployed	. .	18	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .

JANE BANCROFT ROBINSON, *Secretary.*

REPORTS OF Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

Baltimore Conference.

We are glad to report progress in the work of the Society in our Conference. New auxiliaries have been formed, a more general interest awakened in Home Missions, and great enthusiasm has been manifested during the year in Deaconess work.

The Lucy Webb Hayes Deaconess Home and Training School in Washington has been a center of increasing importance and influence. The practical work of the deaconesses and the students in the Training School is felt throughout the city. A new feature of the work has been *alley missions*. We have in our city a population of 30,000 living in alleys, and many of these places are haunts of disease and crime. We wish especially to speak of Pierce Alley Mission, where meetings are held daily, conducted by workers in the Home, evangelistic services for adults, with a mother's meeting; for the children, Sunday School, industrial and kindergarten work, also a special meeting for larger boys, and one for girls. Property holders and policemen have spoken of the great change for good in the alley since the work began, scarcely an arrest having been made.

In February last, the Deaconess Home in Baltimore was opened. Methodism was out in force, and the house was crowded to overflowing. The auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Missionary Society furnished the house, and the work has been most liberally supported. Miss Bristol, who went from the Home in Washington as Superintendent, and two other deaconesses from the same Home, have been abundant in labors in the churches, among the Bohemians and the poor of other nationalities. We have in Baltimore a large foreign population, including 10,000 Bohemians and 8,000 Poles. Two thousand immigrants land every month in the city, and the ladies of our societies, with the deaconesses, are busily engaged in planning for an Immigrants' Home, which will be opened in the near future.

Supplies have been sent to the frontier from a large number of auxiliaries in the Conference and many grateful letters received in response. One Presiding Elder, to whom several boxes were sent at a time of great need, when he feared some ministers might have to abandon their work, writes several months afterward, "We have been blessed in my large mountain district nearly 500 strong, by conversions and additions to the Church.

The "field is white to the harvest" and God is giving helpers and workers.

CLARA L. ROACH, *Corresponding Secretary*.

California Conference.

During the past year we have had three new auxiliaries, with sixty-seven members, one Band of Mothers' Jewels and one Reading Circle.

This does not include our Conference auxiliary, which we have just formed at our annual meeting, with 27 members. We have four districts, only three of which are organized. Our work here is confined to comparatively few churches, yet the amount done is very creditable. We have raised and expended in the year very nearly \$4,000. This is mostly local work, as we have many charges in our Conference where our ministers and their families need our help. We have helped our mission for the Indians at Ukiah; one of our circles of girls sent them an organ and eight dollars. Our Deaconess Home at San Francisco has also had help. Our people need an inspiration for this work.

MRS. P. G. BUCHANAN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Central Illinois Conference.

Having been appointed to the office of Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer toward the middle of the year, I have not yet been able to get the work fully in hand.

I regret to notice that some societies organized within the bounds of our Conference have ceased to exist, and, although one auxiliary and one circle reports an increase in membership, yet the membership for the Conference falls below what it was last year.

Notwithstanding the falling off in membership, the amount of money contributed to the work exceeds the contributions of last year. A large proportion of this money goes to the General Fund. To me, this fact indicates a wholesome condition of affairs. The quantity and valuation of supplies sent during the past year is much less than during the preceding year. Possibly the calls were not so numerous or so urgent.

Mrs. E. E. Marcy spoke at our anniversary at the recent session of our Conference at Watseka. We hoped in this way to bring the subject of Home Missions more fully before our ministers, and to enlist them in the cause. We are looking for an increase of interest and effort during the coming year.

MRS. L. CORNELIA TUNNICLIFF, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Central Missouri Conference.

I have not been able to travel as much in the interest of the Society as I have desired, but have met the Annual and District Conferences and presented the cause of Home Missions to the people; and am thankful to say that the people and especially the preachers are becoming more and more interested in the work.

Three of the four districts in the Conference are organized, viz: Kansas City, North Missouri and St. Louis. The prospects are brightening for more and better work in the future.

MRS. B. M. TAYLOR, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Central New York Conference.

We are glad to report progress in our Conference. Our Society was never in a more hopeful condition than to-day. One district, eight auxiliaries and five circles have been organized during the year. The "Golden Rule Mission Band" of the First Church of Syracuse were active through the months of June, July, August and September, in caring for the "Fruit and Flower Mission," which was instituted by them a year ago in connec-

tion with our Deaconess Home. Fourteen hundred and thirty-five bouquets were taken to prisons and hospitals, the "Old Ladies' Home" and the "Orphan Asylum," the "Rescue Mission" and the homes of the sick. Besides the flowers, a large quantity of fruit was donated and distributed every Saturday to the sick and needy.

Our supply department has also taken on increased activity. Under the supervision of our Conference Secretary of Supplies, Mrs. Ella Stickney Willey, this department has been thoroughly systematized and enlarged, so that many workers on our "frontiers" have been brought to our knowledge, and their immediate needs have been supplied.

We have one beneficiary in the "Jesse Lee Home" in Alaska, supported by a circle in the First Church of Syracuse. The pledges made by the Secretary a year ago have been redeemed and we close the year with a *clean record*.

A great shadow has recently fallen upon us. The departure of Mrs. Mary B. Spencer has left a vacancy that can never be filled. She was the first to take up the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in Central New York Conference, and was its Corresponding Secretary for several years. She was a zealous worker, a wise counselor; and her pure, helpful life has been a benediction to all within the circle of her influence.

At our annual meeting held in Auburn, October 8th, unusual interest was manifested, and plans were made to hold a semi-annual meeting in Syracuse some time in March. Our district officers are well chosen, and with renewed consecration we all go forth to the labors of the coming year.

MRS. W. A. BROWNELL, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Central Ohio Conference.

The work of Central Ohio Conference during the past year has moved smoothly forward. The six districts are well organized, as is shown by the Conference taking the second rank last year in the number of its societies. Delegates were present from each district at the annual meeting held in Bowling Green. So much time, prayer and money has been given to the building of Ritter Home that to some of our societies it has become a personal responsibility. This Home has not been our only endeavor. The Conference has special and rightful interest in King Home at Marshall, Texas, in Thomson Chapel and Gurley Home in Utah. The work of the Mothers' Jewels has centered in their Home at York, Neb., and there is no department of Home Missionary work that has not received some aid during the past year.

Each year since its organization the Conference has made some advancement beyond the previous year. The inspiring thought of our effort for this year was thus happily expressed: "If we give no *more* to missions this year than last, it is saying in effect that missions shall not advance; if we give *less*, that missions shall decrease; but if we give a little *more*, it is helping to answer the prayer, "thy kingdom come."

MARY T. SQUIRE, *Corresponding Secretary, pro tem*.

Central Pennsylvania Conference.

Coming up from the valleys of the Susquehanna and the Juniata and Cumberland, we rejoice to believe that we bring a few golden grains of the "finest of the wheat" for the Master's garner. This year has been a time of peculiar interruptions to the workers. The home of the Secretary and those of nearly every member of the Executive Board have been visited by illness, and some by death. We are grateful that we can report advance in thoroughness of organization and amount of money raised.

Careful pruning this year of fictitious statistics, which appeared in last year's report, has apparently reduced our numbers, but the seeming loss is a real gain in accuracy and genuineness, for now we know that every name stands for a dollar.

Funds have been contributed towards the salary of our missionary at Unalaska, from Carlisle, New Cumberland, Grace, Harrisburg, Chambersburg and Milton. Also three new life memberships have been secured. Our beneficiaries in the Mothers' Jewels and King Homes continue to be well cared for, and the gleanings of the mite boxes show larger returns than ever before. More literature has been distributed and more subscribers have been obtained for the paper. We feel a pardonable satisfaction in the knowledge that most of the excellent concert lessons of the year have been prepared by ladies of our Society in Harrisburg, some of them by quite young girls, thus enlisting in the work a new element of strength and interest.

The estimate of supplies sent is more than three times that of last year, a gain largely due to the efficiency of the Secretary for Williamsport District, Mrs. C. J. Hoag, who has even gone into the regions beyond, and secured boxes and barrels from churches where there were no auxiliaries. The work on this district is in fine condition, two new societies have been organized and one resuscitated, while others show some increase. Pine Street has doubled and Milton trebled its membership.

The district conventions and the recent Conference annual meeting at Huntingdon show larger attendance and deeper interest than in former years. Mrs. E. L. Albright spoke at our Conference anniversary, giving a model address. One field within our own territory calls loudly for Home Missionary effort, the large foreign mining population in and about Hazleton. We hope some way may be devised by which a deaconess may be supported for missionary work in this region.

The recent election of Mrs. Dr. Reed, of Carlisle, as our Conference President, gives assurance that the place of our faithful retiring officer is to be well filled. We hope to make the coming year the best in our history.

MRS. T. L. TOMKINSON, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Cincinnati Conference.

The past year has been one of zeal and enthusiasm for the cause of Home Missions in our Conference. New auxiliaries, circles and bands have been organized and a large increase has been paid into the treasury. Our auxiliaries have been urged to systematic and prayerful effort, and the fact has been emphasized that the work of an auxiliary is *not* completed for the year until every member of the church to which it belongs has been invited to join our Society. The result of such personal work for the cause has largely increased our numbers.

Our district meetings have been held regularly, and have proved occasions of great spiritual benefit. At our Conference meeting held in Urbana, we aimed to present every phase of our work. At the close of this meeting, the pastor of the church invited us to hold a service in the interest of "personal work," which we were glad to do. When we can convince our pastors that we are not alone anxious for the salvation of souls a thousand miles away, but are also burdened for the sinners at our elbow, our Society will have their enthusiastic support.

Our local work, through the Conference, has been increasing. A missionary is still supported at Greenville, and one at Grace Church, Dayton. The year's work at Glenn Home, Cincinnati, has been crowned with success. (For details, see report of Bureau for Local Work.)

MRS. I. D. JONES, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Colorado Conference.

Three special objects have claimed the attention of the Colorado Conference during the past year. First.—The giving assistance to our own ministers, chiefly in our mountain towns. Second.—The support of a child at the Mothers' Jewels Home. Third.—The work among the Spanish girls at Albuquerque, N. M. The aid to the ministers has been given chiefly through supplies, over one hundred carefully packed boxes and barrels having been sent. Some money has also been given. We have endeavored to let the children of the Conference support the little girl at York. The matter was presented to several of the Sunday Schools, and some one in the school was appointed to collect small sums from the scholars for this purpose. Mrs. Kent, Secretary of the Bureau for Spanish work in New Mexico and Arizona, visited us a year ago, and inspired us to a genuine interest in the school at Albuquerque. This work was presented in person to as many of the societies as possible, and mite-barrels were distributed to be used for thank offerings, these to be appropriated to this object. About two hundred and fifty dollars have already been collected, and more will come.

Every auxiliary has been urged to appoint two committees by which to increase its membership: a special committee to ask every woman in the church to join the society, and a standing committee to invite all strangers and newcomers to attend the meetings and become members of the same. By this method the membership of several auxiliaries has been greatly increased. Trinity Church, Denver, now has an auxiliary numbering a hundred and thirty-five members.

The first annual Conference meeting has just been held. Because of the long distances between towns in Colorado, not all auxiliaries were represented, yet the day was exceedingly profitable, and we will all work better for it. The Conference Executive Board, residing mostly in Denver, has met every month with the President, Mrs. A. C. Peck, for devotional and business meetings.

MRS. W. F. McDOWELL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Columbia River Conference.

We do not know as we can claim any advance during the past year in our Conference. While some of our auxiliaries have done excellent work, others have grown weary and have fallen out by the way. Five new auxiliaries have been added and 73 new members enrolled during the year. Our special work has been the support of two beneficiaries in the Jesse Lee Home at Unalaska, Alaska, for which we raised \$100. We also sent \$15.25 to Stickney Home. Supplies to the value of \$168.50 were sent to these two Homes by our auxiliaries.

MRS. D. G. STRONG, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Detroit Conference.

We can report advancement along the line of organization, and increased membership, but not an increase in finances. This is due to the fact that the Society has received less personal contributions than formerly, owing to death, removal, etc. We have 305 more members than last year. 708 copies of the *Woman's Home Missions* are taken. The mite box Secretary has sent out this year 527 mite jugs. We have only one Reading Circle reported, but hope the number will be increased. Our numerical and financial standing will be found in the general statistical table, and in the report of the Treasurer.

The Loan Library has proved to be very helpful to our young ministers who are not able to purchase their books, and who so often failed in their examinations because of this fact. The late Mrs. E. E. Royer, of Ann Arbor, established and partly endowed this work. The clerical work and enlargement in plans have been under the supervision of Mrs. J. S. Vernor. The total expense of this library since its establishment in 1886 has been \$650 and about one-half of this amount was paid by Mrs. Royer. The whole number of volumes is 504, of which 58 have been added this year. One of the plans for raising this money is that auxiliaries contribute at least ten cents per member; Mrs. Edward Smith has contributed \$50.00.

The report from the Deaconess work has been very gratifying. We have five visiting and four nurse deaconesses, whose work has been largely among the poor, sick and suffering. (See further report under Deaconess Bureau.)

The frontier work in our own Conference is as broad a field as we could successfully cultivate if we turned our whole attention to it. The self-sacrifice of many of our ministers and their need for help is very great.

MRS. LILLIAN HOLLISTER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

East Ohio Conference.

We are glad to report increased interest in Home Missionary Work in our Conference. Nine new societies have been organized, and the money contributed is nearly twelve hundred dollars in excess of last year. Every district is organized, and there are seventy-five auxiliary societies. Many devoted women are giving much time and labor to the cause. Miss Elliott, of Peck Home, is a daughter of one of our ministers. She spoke at the Conference anniversary and greatly interested the audience in her work. Mrs. Chapman, Superintendent of Ritter Home, represented that institution at Spring Grove camp meeting, and much interest was created in it. Mrs. B. S. Potter spent several weeks in our Conference and her services were highly appreciated.

The local work in Cleveland has been specially successful this year. The account of it will be found in the report of the Bureau for Local Work.

We enter another year hoping and praying that it may be the most successful in our history.

MRS. M. C. HICKMAN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

East Tennessee Conference.

Our membership is still growing in numbers and is more interested in the work we are trying to do. The auxiliary monthly meetings are held regularly, and are well attended, and each auxiliary has some zealous workers. Our Conference annual meeting was largely attended, quite a number of delegates were present, and the reports were very encouraging.

At this gathering a goodly number of interested ministers were with us. They are beginning to see the worth of our Society, as many of them have received barrels from the East and help from the local workers at home, which have enabled them to remain on their charges, where they received very scanty support.

Three years ago the first auxiliary was organized in East Tennessee. Since that time we have been toiling and praying for an increase of inter-

est and zeal. It may be truly said, "Our members are loyal to the general treasury;" that is to say, they will not use money raised for membership on home needs, no matter how worthy the appeal may be.

The successful inauguration of the Industrial Home and School at Morristown has aroused the energy of our people, and will cause them to strive more earnestly to aid themselves as well as others. For this end we labor.

MRS. CORA PROVINCE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Erie Conference.

Intense loyalty to the work of the Society at large pervades all the departments of our organization. Six enthusiastic district meetings have been held during the year. Our Conference anniversary, under the leadership of our honored President, Mrs. Baker, was a refreshing time. Mrs. Griffith's address instructed and inspired both ministers and people. In one of our districts is a second Chautauqua, and here also the Society has a representation.

The money pledged for Ritter, King and Hayes Memorial has been raised and passed into the treasury. Our pledge for new subscribers to *Home Missions* has been more than realized. We have our own Conference organizer and raise our own fund for this purpose. Many of our churches where no auxiliary exists have made voluntary offerings to the General Fund.

Six auxiliaries, five circles and one band have been organized. We have a Boys' Band which deserves special mention. One of their latest money-raising devices is a little monthly paper, *The Breeze*, which they, with the help of their adult manager, edit and publish; price 15 cts. One auxiliary reports one member, one member of sainted band, dues \$2, Mite box \$2.48, General Fund \$1.25, Conference organizers' fund \$1, and 30 cts. to Alaska. This auxiliary is our Mrs. C. V. Culver, and the dear Mother Austin, who during the year has received her promotion. Bereaved and suffering, Mrs. Culver still holds the open alabaster box, and because of her efforts Reno is not stricken from our list. "She hath done what she could."

Ladies of the Woman's Home Missionary Society and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union have generously contributed to our supply work, and this department promises well for the future. With grateful thanksgiving we recognize a marked development on the line of scriptural giving.

ANNIE M. CUMMINGS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Genesee Conference.

After eight years of service in the Genesee Conference, the Home Missionary Society has demonstrated its need for existence. Five new auxiliaries have been added this year. Four districts out of the six in the Conference are thoroughly organized. Our District Meetings are a source of inspiration to our workers. Besides the annual meeting of our Conference Board, we have held a Conference anniversary, and an institute at Silver Lake lasting one week, in which all of the features of our work were discussed.

Our Society has raised for special work the past year funds for the Training School in Washington; named a room and window in Jesse Lee Home; a window in Mothers' Jewels Home; supported in the Ritter Home

and Haven Home each a beneficiary; and has supported the Deaconess Home at Buffalo.

Much of the work has been wrought beneath the noise and parade of public life, and the best of it will not be found in the Annual Report.

MRS. W. R. BENHAM, *Corresponding Secretary, pro tem.*

Holston Conference.

Mrs. Springer came to us and two new auxiliaries were organized, making four for our Conference, and one mission circle, with a membership of one hundred and forty. Thirty-five *Home Missions* are taken.

The Industrial Home at Morristown was dedicated during the session of the Conference. Mrs. G. E. Ackerman, our President, presided at the anniversary meeting. Mrs. F. V. Chapman, Superintendent of Ritter Home, addressed the meeting and secured pledges for one hundred dollars to help pay for the furnishing of the third floor. This school is in a most flourishing condition and if money could be secured to assist our worthy poor girls the house might soon be filled.

Local work has been carried on systematically, and many have blessed the work of our Society. Two barrels of supplies have been sent away, besides numerous packages. We pray that this work may grow wonderfully during the coming year.

NANNIE M. PRENTISS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Illinois Conference.

No special effort marks the year, but varied degrees of advancement are seen in old and new auxiliaries. As the Conference President and Secretary have been absent from the State much of the year, the auxiliaries have not had the personal attention which they had the right to expect.

Our Conference Society has met with a severe loss in the death of its first Vice President, Mrs. Sarah Capps, of Jacksonville, a woman of broad Christian character, whose more than three-score years and ten were crowded full of good works. She was President of her church auxiliary from its organization until two years before her death, when through failing health she retired from active work, but was still retained as Honorary President.

The older auxiliaries have been diligent in the interests of the work, while the newer societies are growing in knowledge and effort. No society has really died during the year, although several are languishing. Our Conference anniversary and annual meeting did not measure up to our usual results. Upon the first occasion we were sadly disappointed by the non-arrival of our speaker, and the second occurred at the time of the Columbian celebrations. At the session of our annual Conference the following resolution was presented and unanimously adopted: "That we urge the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church to establish a Deaconess Home within the bounds of the Illinois Conference as soon as practicable." And to further this object a Deaconess Board of Nine was appointed.

A majority of our auxiliaries are interesting the children, some by organization and regular meetings, and others in a more informal way. Four new children's bands have been organized this year and five auxiliaries, and a young woman's society, and others have taken on new life. Our special effort the coming year will be to organize our remaining unorganized districts, believing that better supervision can be secured by this than by any other means.

MRS. B. S. POTTER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Iowa Conference.

We are glad to report progress, though not all has been accomplished that we so much desired. Mrs. B. S. Potter spent a part of July in this Conference doing very efficient work. Some excellent organizations were effected, notably at Mt. Pleasant, Ottumwa, and other places. We have a number of strong auxiliaries, but are far from what our hearts greatly desire, that is, an auxiliary in every charge, and at least a small gift and earnest prayer from every woman in the church for Home Missions.

MRS. W. F. COWLES, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Kansas Conference.

Our Conference has made some advance during the past year in work. Each organized district has held district meetings that have been very helpful and profitable to all. Three of the five districts in the Conference are organized and well officered. Two auxiliaries have been added during the year. One at Jefferson Street Mission, Topeka, has pledged one hundred dollars to the new building to be erected at Albuquerque, N. M.

Mrs. B. S. Potter made an address at our Conference anniversary and won many friends for the cause. The history of the little we have done in the Kansas Conference, if written out in detail, would read like a romance, and show many lives touched, many homes brightened, and many hearts cheered, but these are the heritage of those who work, and are held sacred. We are full of hope, and look for a more complete organization of our work during the coming year.

MRS. HILA B. MCBRIDE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Kentucky Conference.

We have no Conference organization, but I have acted as Secretary to a limited extent. The work is scattered over a large territory, and there is really a great deal done that is truly missionary work which is never reported for lack of organization. The Lexington Auxiliary has been active in local work, and has sent out some supplies, with still more on hand. The Hardingsburg Auxiliary has not been wanting in efforts, and has raised money, some of which has been expended in both local and other missionary work.

MRS. G. P. JOLLY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Little Rock Conference.

During the year four new organizations have been added, and two old ones recruited, viz.: Cotton Plant and Sweet Home, making in all seven organizations in Little Rock Conference. The list of subscribers to our paper is constantly increasing, but we shall not be satisfied until an auxiliary is organized in every charge of the Conference, and the number of subscribers equals the number of members. The outlook for success and earnest work is better than any previous year. October 4th the Conference Board was organized. We hope through this organization to do the work in a more systematic way.

Several barrels of goods and a large number of packages have been sent to gladden the hearts of our own needy brethren and their families on the hard fields. Wesley Chapel and Mount Olive auxiliaries deserve

special mention for their excellent amount of local work, in addition to what they have done for the General Fund.

In the Adeline Smith Home, under the faithful guidance and care of the superintendents, very marked progress has been made on all moral lines. The work was well represented at the Annual Conference by Mrs. Col. Springer. Her excellent talk gave the brethren new inspiration, and promised to do more than ever to build up the cause in the Conference. By a unanimous vote, Mrs. Springer was elected to represent the Conference at the Annual Meeting to be held at Grand Rapids.

We visited each of the District meetings, viz.: Little Rock and Forest City, in the interest of the Society; both meetings were profitable. Our number of auxiliaries is small, but they are manifesting quite an intelligent interest in the different departments of Home Missionary work.

MRS. L. J. JOHNSON, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Louisiana Conference.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society in this Conference has not enjoyed the rapid growth earnestly hoped for. It is difficult to secure officers for the districts who are able to give the time necessary to make the work successful. At the Annual Conference we held our anniversary, at which a board of officers was chosen, a report of the year's work given by the Secretary, and an address delivered by Mrs. M. B. Hagans. Though the year's growth has been small, it is promising, as the organizations are among the young people and children. The failure of crops has prevented reports from auxiliaries, and in their need the four districts have applied for supplies.

We hold our monthly meetings at Peck Home, and have had two conversions at these meetings. During the past year the Home has sheltered girls from various parts of the country. Dear sisters, do not forget our poor people and children. We are cordially invited by the presiding elders to attend Church district meetings, but owing to our poverty, are only able to go when within walking distance.

MRS. SADIE JOHNSON, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Maine Conference.

The special work of the societies for the year has largely been for the East Boston Immigrants' Home. We felt that we should lend a helping hand to our sisters of the New England Conference while they were making such strenuous efforts to pay the debt on the Home. Bee hives have been taken by several of the auxiliaries, and about \$130 have been collected, fifty of which were given by the Saco auxiliary. Several barrels of supplies have been sent to the Home, Wesley Church, Bath, being the largest donor. One of the Portland societies has aided in the Utah work. We have effected a better Conference organization. We were sorry to lose our Augusta District Secretary, Mrs. House, who has removed to another district. Her place will be filled for the remainder of the year by Miss Violet Durgin of Skowhegan. Miss Isabel S. Allen was elected Conference Secretary of Supplies, and we trust that systematic work will be done in the future in this important department. More supplies have been sent than in any previous year. District meetings were held at Poland and Old Orchard, and papers on Home Missions have been read at some of the meetings of the District Ministerial Associations. Through the kindness of Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, a copy of the Annual Report was presented to

each pastor at the last Conference. Mrs. Albright was with us at our anniversary and gave a helpful and stirring address.

The prevailing sickness of the winter months sadly hindered the work of the societies, but the outlook for the future is hopeful. We trust that with increased intelligence concerning the work, many more of the sisters will gladly rally to its support.

C. A. THAYER, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Michigan Conference.

At the annual meeting of the Conference Society, held last November, a change was made in two of the prominent offices. It takes the new officers some time to get familiar with the work. A Board meeting was called in February, in which plans were thoroughly discussed, and with one mind the Board entered heartily into the work. At the close of the year, while we can not boast of great achievements wrought, we are grateful for a steady advance on many of the lines of work. While our auxiliaries have increased in number, in circles we are obliged to report a decrease, and also in bands and Mothers' Jewels. Yet this year we raised more for Mothers' Jewels Home than last year. The number of subscribers to *Home Missions* has increased, and there has been an increase in the amount of money sent to the general treasury and in the mite jug collections. We are thankful to record a gift of \$400 from Mrs. Judd, an aged lady of Greenville. We have not only increased in membership and money, but have improved in methods of work, and the business is being performed with more of promptness and care.

Our increase in members and the amount of money raised will be found in the statistical table and in the report of the Treasurer. Five of the districts held interesting and successful meetings. The Conference anniversary was largely attended, and a collection of \$18 was taken.

Michigan Conference has need of missionary appropriations. It has its weak and poor charges and its Indian missions, especially in the northern districts. Supplies raised by our society are all sent to those districts. Half of the membership dues and the mite box money are used in our own Conference. One auxiliary reports a Reading Circle with nine members.

A number of enterprising societies is the result of Mrs. Springer's visit to us. The raising of money and other work in connection with the building of the Aldrich Memorial Deaconess Home is a marked feature of our work, and great credit is due to Mrs. Aldrich for her self-sacrificing and successful work in this department of effort. While we are not discouraged we are far from being satisfied. We would like to have every woman in Michigan Conference a member of our Society, and we would like to have the membership dues equal the number of members. For this end will we work.

MRS. LEVI MASTER, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Minnesota Conference.

In the Home Missionary Society of the Minnesota Conference much earnest work has been done. With the most careful summing of facts and figures we can not begin to account for all the good which has been accomplished. There are burdens lightened, hearts cheered, homes brightened, souls saved, churches strengthened, that appear on heaven's book alone. The bountiful harvest of last year lessened the call for sup-

plies on the frontier, but much work has been done in other directions. Especial contributions have been made for the southern work, the Indian work, and for Alaska; and much local work has been done.

April 20th we held an all-day meeting at Hennepin Ave. Church, Minneapolis, which was largely attended and very interesting. At our Conference anniversary, held this month in the same city, Rev. J. B. Hingeley delivered an eloquent and instructive address. We enter upon the new year with good courage, hoping that the increase may be great in all the lines of work.

EMMA DANIEL, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Missouri Conference.

The Missouri Conference has not, as we hoped, gained in organizations, and yet a broader knowledge and interest in the work, which will doubtless yield a harvest of good results, has been established.

The auxiliaries at Stanberry, Kirksville and Moberly, and the Juvenile Band at Maryville have done good work. Mrs. Norton from Albuquerque Home has just been through our Conference, interesting many in our work there. We believe that good seed has been sown in the interest of the Society. We can only continue to do what we can and leave the results with God.

MRS. E. S. JANES, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Nebraska Conference.

At the opening of the year our Conference organizer, Mrs. M. E. Roberts, left us for a year in Europe. Though this left the work upon hands already filled, the work did not retrograde or stand still. We have organized auxiliaries and bands, and have not forgotten Mothers' Jewels Home and the frontier work. Letters of gratitude, received from ministers, prove that hearts have been gladdened by our labors.

We have had occasion to remember that God giveth and God taketh away. In August, our beloved Conference Treasurer, Mrs. L. A. Roberts, was called from labor to reward. We pledge you for the coming year to be found "not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

MRS. J. R. WOODCOCK, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Newark Conference.

A deepening interest in the cause of Home Missions has been manifested in our Conference during the past year. At our Conference anniversary, held in connection with the Womans' Foreign Missionary Society, Rev. Sheldon Jackson, with his interesting map of Alaska and his wonderful portrayal of the needs of the Alaskans, showed most conclusively that we have heathen in our own land for whose salvation American Christians are alone responsible. Two interesting district meetings were held in May. At one of these the Westfield Auxiliary, the pioneer Womans' Home Missionary Auxiliary of the State of New Jersey, celebrated its tenth anniversary. To their agreeable surprise fifteen of its charter members were summoned to the platform and decorated with appropriate badges.

Our camp meeting anniversary at Mount Tabor was also an occasion of much interest. Mrs. Norton, our missionary from New Mexico, gave an able paper on the needs of that distant and neglected field; Miss

Corbin, of the Philadelphia Deaconess Home, gave a very interesting account of her work, and was followed by an earnest address from Rev. L. C. Muller, superintendent of City Missions in Newark, with whom our Conference Board co-operates in mission work. \$400 have recently been pledged by our auxiliaries of that city and vicinity toward the support of missionaries, who shall be under the control of our Society. Two faithful women have been working some days each week during the past few months among the women and children of the crowded and neglected wards of the city. Last week we secured, through the Lucy Hayes School, a graduate of the Chicago Training School for our leading missionary. We are very grateful that this "door of opportunity" has at last opened to us. While an unusual amount of attention has been given to local work by all our auxiliaries, over \$1,500 have been paid to the General Fund, and thirty-three new life members have been made. We have over 400 subscribers to our *Home Missions*, and 74 members of the Reading Circles.

We record with gratitude the generous gift of \$1,000 to Emerson Home by our former Treasurer, Mrs. De Groot. Mrs. Griffith has rendered us excellent service during the year. After the varied experiences of the past few years in the work of the Society, we feel like adopting the sentiment of the sainted Mary Lyon: "We have every reason to believe that the more we seek to draw the public to aid us in doing good, the more perplexing will be our cares and labors. But then we will not shrink from this, if we can thus lay a foundation for our successors to labor abundantly for the cause of Christ."

MRS. J. I. BOSWELL, *Corresponding Secretary*.

New England Conference.

New England Conference has increased its working force during the year by the organization of five new auxiliaries, one mission circle and one band. Through the department of supplies needy frontier ministers and southern schools have been helped, and many of our church papers have also been sent through the medium of the Religious Periodical Bureau.

The usual district and quarterly meetings have been held, and our work has been brought before the people at the various camp meetings. At the Conference anniversary in April, Mrs. Albright presented the general work of the Society in a clear and comprehensive manner. At our eleventh annual meeting, held in Grace Church, Worcester, the business session was of marked interest. Rev. A. L. Banks presented the need of personal work in city slums, and from other speakers we learned of different phases of the work.

Stimulated by the promise of the General Executive Board, made last year, to give the last \$2,000 of the debt on the Immigrants' Home, East Boston, provided our own Conference would raise the remaining \$6,000 during the year, thought, work and prayer have been largely concentrated on this object, and with grateful hearts we listened as our Conference Treasurer reported that more than the required sum had been raised. This success was due in large measure to our Conference Secretary, Mrs. Dwight, who spared neither strength nor time in distributing the little bee hive mite boxes, and thus over \$2,000 were brought into the treasury. Many members of our Conference Board made personal solicitation for the Immigrants' Home among merchants of Boston and friends. Mrs. Cooper, our former President, in this way raised \$1,000.

Death for the first time has claimed a member of our Conference Board, and Mrs. L. R. Thayer, for seven years our much loved Treasurer, was called from faithful service here to the heavenly home.

Encouraged by the results of the year's labor, we purpose to go forward in effort, not confining ourselves to work within our own borders, but responding to needs of our sister Conferences.

MRS. S. W. FLOYD, *Corresponding Secretary*.

New England Southern Conference.

Our work this year has been to strengthen the stakes already set rather than to lengthen our cords and secure new auxiliaries. During the year we have added new members, and some old ones have dropped out. Our numbers will be found in the general statistical table. Last year at the Annual Meeting we pledged to *try* and get 200 new subscribers to *Home Missions*. We have not succeeded to that extent, but 104 have been added and 22 subscribers for the Deaconess paper have been obtained. The French Mission at Pawtucket has been discontinued. Our people did grandly in sending supplies to the Chadron District, Neb. The amount of supplies for the year has increased in value over the previous year. We have not chosen any special field for supplies the coming year, but will take applications from the general Secretary of Supplies.

Twenty-two public meetings have been held, addressed by the President and Corresponding Secretary. Leaflets have been distributed at each of these meetings, and special effort has been made to present the claims of our paper. Mrs. M. E. Griffith spoke at each of our three camp meetings with good success. She also spoke on four Sundays in our Conference and twice during one week at smaller churches. Her work is well spoken of.

Our pledges to Alaska and to Ritter and King Homes and to the Indian work are all redeemed. A visit from Mrs. Albright at our Annual Conference, and a special effort at a later date, helped to accomplish this. We are encouraged to continue in the work.

MRS. D. L. BROWN, *Corresponding Secretary*.

New Hampshire Conference.

Last May, Mrs. M. E. Griffith visited our Conference and one result of this visit was the addition of 8 new auxiliaries, with an increased membership of over 250.

At least two rooms have been named in the new Home at Ocala, Florida, at a cost of \$200, and many other fields have been helped financially. Our own field has not been forgotten by our supply department. A rifle was sent to the frontier by the members of the Conference Board. An effort has been made to awaken an interest in the cause of systematic giving, by the distribution of tracts.

Over 75 copies of our Annual Report were distributed to the ministers at the Annual Conference.

The names of the officers of the Conference Society were placed, for the first time, this year in the Conference Minutes.

One district meeting, anniversaries at the Conference and on camp-grounds, with the aid of such speakers as Mrs. M. E. Griffith, Mrs. E. L. Albright and Mrs. G. W. Mansfield have, we trust, increased the amount of interest in the cause of Home Missions.

ADA T. WELLS, *Corresponding Secretary*.

New Jersey Conference.

Six new auxiliaries and a mission circle have been added to the New Jersey Conference this year, making an addition of 290 members to our Conference Society. We have thirty-four life memberships enrolled this year, one, Miss Vannie Harvey, of West Long Branch, by a personal sacrifice paying the \$20.00 at once. We are greatly indebted to Mrs. J. F. Willing for this increase in our Conference.

The anniversary at Ocean Grove was held Aug. 4th and 5th, and was an interesting occasion. Representative women spoke for their Conferences and for their respective mission fields; also Mrs. Griffith, Dr. Dalby of Washington, and Dr. J. M. King of New York made the program instructive and entertaining. Mrs. E. H. Stokes was made an Honorary Manager of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. At our Conference and Pitman Grove anniversaries we had as speakers, Mrs. E. L. Albright, Mrs. Annie Norton, Mrs. J. F. Willing, Dr. Geo. E. Reed of Dickinson College, Mrs. Anna Kent, and our President, Mrs. C. B. Fisk.

Our four district associations do not all take hold of the work vigorously, but there are many signs of encouragement, and since it is God's work, we are learning both to labor and to wait.

The Home at Morristown, Tenn., in which the New Jersey Conference has been especially interested, was dedicated on Oct. 6th. The very interesting services are reported by the Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. A. Kent.

Another one of our strong ones has passed on to the "Celestial City," Mrs. S. J. C. Downs, of precious memory. We close ranks and press forward, praying that an abundant entrance may be ours also.

MRS. C. F. GARRISON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

New Mexico Mission.

At two stations, Las Vegas and Albuquerque, auxiliaries are organized and have rendered efficient aid to our work.

The ladies of Las Vegas are very much interested in the mission day school of our Society in charge of Miss Nellie Snider. A new sewing machine, besides bedding and table furnishings, including linen and silverware, for the comfort of the missionary, have been among their gifts. Las Vegas has also kindly remembered the "Home" in Albuquerque, sending us last year valuable help in the way of bedding.

At the session of the Mission Conference held recently in Albuquerque, our annual missionary meeting was held. Miss Snider prepared a paper, which was read by a young lady of our church. Miss Morrow, teacher in the University there, addressed the audience briefly, expressing her personal interest in our work. The Treasurer presented her report, and the Bishop spoke most excellently, inspiring our ladies to continued zeal in this good work.

By action of the Society, all funds raised in Albuquerque are applied to the work there, only vouchers being sent to the general Treasurer. The ladies there have undertaken to furnish for the new Home, when it shall be built, the water supply, and trees and plants for the beautifying of our grounds. For this purpose every dollar raised is placed on interest in our Savings Bank, subject to my order as Treasurer for New Mexico. In our hot, dry climate, the shade and water supply of a Home is an item of importance financially, and those ladies have undertaken a most delightful and helpful task.

A Mexican juvenile society was formed by Miss Ernsberger from girls in the "Home" and such others as could be induced to join. The name chosen was Happy Builders; the plan of work, to meet once a week,

have a short missionary lesson by Miss Ernsberger, singing and prayer, and an hour of sewing on articles, from sale of which money might be obtained. The object, to raise ten dollars with which to name a window in the new Home. Dolls' clothes were made, a comfort pieced and tied, and, in addition, by entertainments given by our girls, and by collections, a fund was raised of thirty dollars instead of ten. The whole work has been an educational influence for our girls.

Given wise counsels and a little generous expenditure for a few years and Albuquerque will make an honorable record.

MRS. ANNIE NORTON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

New York Conference.

Our field is one so thoroughly canvassed by the many religious and benevolent organizations which find their center in a great city like New York, that our growth is slow, though we are glad to say it is steady and sure. Several new auxiliaries have been organized during the year, and Home Missionary literature has been sent to every pastor in the Conference in the hope of enlarging the work.

The supply department has been managed with extraordinary efficiency by Mrs. J. P. Burrell and has been the means of awakening much interest in other branches of the work. Three all-day meetings have been held during the year; and at our Conference anniversary we were favored in having excellent addresses from Mrs. Albright, and Dr. Dalby of Washington.

An account of the special work within our bounds will be found in the report of Mrs. Willing, Secretary of the Bureau for Immigrants. Looking forward hopefully, our Conference Society is a unit in its earnest desire to bring about a more rapid increase in interest and effectiveness for the general work.

MARTHA VAN MARTER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

New York East Conference.

The New York East Conference Society is able to report some progress during the past year. Two auxiliaries, reporting one hundred and seventy-five members, have been added to our working force. Several more are in process of organization.

There has been an increase of subscriptions for *Home Missions*. The supply department has been well worked, and many valuable boxes and barrels of goods have found their way to the needy at home and abroad. During the month of February, Mrs. Griffith was with us. The pastors very kindly opened their churches to her. We were hopeful and enthusiastic in effecting new organizations, and strengthening the work already established; but Mrs. Griffith was suddenly called away on account of severe illness in her family, and her engagements had to be cancelled.

The subject of merging the "Working Girls' Home" into a "Deaconess Home" claimed much attention. It was finally decided by our Conference Society that the work among the factory girls could be pushed to greater efficiency under the deaconess administration than by the methods for local work which had been used; accordingly, Jan. 15, 1892, "The New York East Conference Deaconess Home" was established in the house rented and furnished for a "Working Girls' Home." Items of interest and progress in the work are reported in the Bureau for Deaconess Work.

Our annual meeting as well as the anniversary were held at Conference

time, in the morning, and the afternoon of the same day. Mrs. E. L. Albright in a well-prepared, thoughtful address presented the general work of the Society to a large audience; Dr. I. N. Dalby talked on Deaconess work, and the Corresponding Secretary gave her annual report.

On account of the demands made upon the time of our women in city churches, it has been difficult to sustain reading circles, though we have some conscientious readers. Our Treasurer shows an increase of receipts year by year. \$150.00 have been added to the General Fund this year. We hope to do more for the cause in the future.

MRS. J. Q. MAYNARD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

North Indiana Conference.

Our auxiliaries find much work to do at home, and yet they have been able to branch out and help in all lines of work. Box after box of valuable supplies have gone to the frontiers. Garrett sent \$25.00 to the flood sufferers. Considerable money was sent to the immigrant work. Several auxiliaries have educated girls in the South.

Richmond District set apart the 28th of August as Home Missionary day, and with sermons and addresses, greatly inspired the membership. Muncie District is doing splendidly under its officers and has donated liberally to the General Fund. Goshen District is prospering, and its auxiliaries are wide awake.

We were glad to have Mrs. Griffith present at our Conference meeting; she held the attention of an immense audience for an hour, saying much that increased the interest in our work throughout the Conference. District meetings were held during the year, two of them being favored with the presence of Mesdames Rust and Potter.

We are happy to report our auxiliaries in splendid working order. Our statistical report will show an increase in everything. During the two quarters we have written 77 missionary letters, and leaflets have been abundantly distributed. There is much interest manifested in the Mothers' Jewels work.

MARY LOUISA STABLER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

North Nebraska Conference.

A review of our work for the past year shows that some auxiliaries have grown and displayed much zeal; charges without auxiliaries have contributed funds and a few new bands have been formed. We have made our faithful Corresponding Secretary of three former years, Mrs. H. A. Crane, a life member, Beemer Auxiliary, through mite jugs, giving the largest contribution to this pleasant testimonial. Our fervent prayers go with this loving worker to her new home in Bombay, India.

The needs for aid in the western part of the State, which met such generous response last year, have not existed to such a degree this year, and our report of supplies is less. We have tried to care for the brethren of our own Conference, which is largely home missionary ground, and new fields are being occupied that call for heroic preachers. To the Mothers' Jewels Home, which holds a deep place in our affections, money and supplies have been sent; three children are clothed by two auxiliaries and a band. Brick books have been filled in charges not before canvassed; one little girl completed hers after two years of effort.

Several public meetings have been held. Mrs. Bishop Newman addressed us at one of these and cheered our hearts with a gift to the Home. The grand mass meeting held during the session of the General Conference in the interests of the Society was a source of inspiration to greater fidelity in the work. A marked advance has been made in local missionary work in Omaha and the larger places. A spinning wheel was secured and sent to the Navajoe Mission by Pastor Craig and wife. Mrs. Roberts, our organizer, is with us again, and we look forward hopefully to the new year with its opportunities.

MRS. J. B. MAXFIELD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

North Ohio Conference.

The work of the Society is steadily advancing in the bounds of our Conference.

At our tenth anniversary last May, Mrs. W. G. Williams presented the interests of Ritter Home, and the ladies raised enough money to complete the furnishing of the library. At our Conference meeting, Mrs. E. L. Albright presented the needs of the Society in general. Through the inspiration of her words and those of our Conference President, we were enabled to organize an auxiliary at Elyria, one of the important points. Three other societies have been organized since last May, one has been revived, an interest among the young people has been stirred, and a number of Mothers' Jewels have been obtained.

One of the most efficient and painstaking workers in our Conference, Mrs. H. McDermott of Wellington, O., has been sent as missionary to Boylan Home. Our auxiliaries are greatly interested in her work, and are planning to send her aid as soon as possible. Many supplies have been sent to the South and West, and several barrels of goods are now awaiting orders for shipment. Our ladies seem to be more and more interested in helping forward the work.

MRS. N. S. ALBRIGHT, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Northern New York.

We note a gratifying degree of success in our work this year. Our usual district meetings have been held, through which some excellent work has been accomplished. In April, at our annual meeting, Mrs. Darling was made Conference organizer, and at once begun her work. She has rendered faithful and efficient service, increasing the number of organizations and adding to the membership of those previously formed. Thus a long-felt need has been met, and the remaining months of our Conference year promise still greater results.

We mourn the loss by death of one of our most devoted workers, Mrs. Joy, Secretary of Herkimer District, of whom it may be truly said, "full of good works and alms-deeds which she did."

New names are being added to our list of subscribers for *Home Missions*, and the importance of a thorough acquaintance with the literature of the Society is generally urged. *The Deaconess at Work* finds a welcome in many homes. The earnest activity and the ready response to appeals for money and supplies are exponents of a sincere and intelligent interest in the cause of Home Missions. We have a steadily increasing number of earnest, consecrated workers.

MRS. HELEN D. FERGUSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

North-west Indiana Conference.

Owing to the fact that we have had no complete Conference organization the cause has suffered for want of method in our plans. But the one great desire of our heart was realized when, during the session of our annual Conference at Terre Haute, we were able to fully organize and officer our Society with ladies whose hearts are warm with love for Christ and his work among the needy. We were greatly helped at this meeting in having with us Mrs. B. S. Potter, whose review of our work in all its departments created much interest among the ministers as well as the women who were present. We are now looking for a great increase the coming year in our work in the way of numbers, contributions and interest.

S. A. MATTHEWS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

North-west Iowa Conference.

We have organized this year, one district association, six auxiliaries, two re-organized, and two promising bands. This gives us four district associations, leaving but one district unorganized. Three of our bands with several communities work through mite box collections, as much interest in the work is thus secured. Besides careful painstaking for renewals, we have more than made good our pledge to secure one hundred new names for *Home Missions*.

We have sent nearly \$400.00 worth of supplies; have done special work for Alaska, Mothers' Jewels, King and Stickney Homes; supported a beneficiary in Peck Home, also one in Spencer Home, and have given \$300.00 for completing enlargement of Spencer Home, beside doing a goodly amount of work for General Fund.

First Church auxiliary and church, Sioux City, as local work, have supported a Bible woman for six months; and the "Fort Dodge Home Guards" Circle has sustained a Sunday School in a suburban district, besides other work. The day of Humiliation and Prayer was observed by several auxiliaries and reported as a most profitable occasion. "Systematic giving" is receiving much attention.

Disaster has come to us at two points: the flood in Sioux City, in the district where the Bible woman was laboring, and the burning of the village of Salix, where we had one of our most faithful auxiliaries.

Our only outside help has been the few days Mrs. Griffith was able to give us. Among the good results of her work was an auxiliary of 75 members and large additional pledges to various funds.

MRS. J. P. NEGUS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

North-west Kansas Conference.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the North-west Kansas Conference has not enjoyed the rapid growth earnestly hoped for, principally for want of proper organization. Our membership at the beginning of the year was 62; have had an increase of 34 new members, including one life member. The special work done has been for the Mothers' Jewels Home.

Mankato has a window named for Mrs. W. J. Meredith, a former Conference Secretary, whose successful efforts have been highly appreciated; also Smith Centre has recently raised the required amount to name a window in honor of Mrs. R. A. Hoffman, a former pastor's wife. While this Home has received our especial attention, the General Fund has not been neglected.

Considerable local work has been done throughout our Conference in the distribution of literature, clothing, and money, and we know that many homes have been brightened and helped by the presence of these messengers of comfort and cheer. The faithful few have tried to do their best to carry forward this work. We are glad that we have been able to "lend a hand" in this great work, and we enter upon the work of another year with faith and courage.

MRS. BELLE ARMSTRONG, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Ohio Conference.

The work of this Society has been more successful this year than ever before. Some auxiliaries that had fallen below their former high standard have now enjoyed a revival of Home Missionary work, and there has been a gain in young people's work of three circles and four bands. Without any great addition to our membership, the receipts show an advance of more than \$900.00 over any previous year. This advance is owing to the interest taken in the special work of the Society. At the annual meeting in 1891, the Society was asked to give \$1,000 to the Jesse Lee Home. It was given, in good measure, and at the end of the year the treasurer reported \$1,550.00 for Alaska. An aged brother in Stratford, who asks that his name be withheld in this report, gave \$100 of this; \$82 was a bequest from Mrs. Mary Keys Mills; \$20 a gift from Mrs. E. G. Lee, of Maryland; and Rev. Benjamin Green, according to his custom for eight years past, gave \$100.

Besides the Alaska Fund, the Society gave generously to the Mothers' Jewels Home. The E. L. Rust Home, the King Home, the Ritter Home, the Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial, the Apaches, and Ellis Island, were not forgotten. The Columbus auxiliaries still pay the salary of a local missionary, who carries on a good work among the non-church-going people of this city. At the two camp meetings and at the Conference, Home Missionary meetings were held, all with good results. At the annual meeting, in Wesley Chapel, Columbus, the reports showed progress all along the lines, and delegates and visitors seemed filled with an earnest purpose to do more and better work hereafter.

In the Reading Circle and in the Supplies Department the interest has somewhat abated, but the work will be placed in competent hands, and we shall hear more from these departments later.

ANNA DILL, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Oregon Conference.

During the year we have raised nearly \$400, which has been mostly disbursed within our own Conference. We have also prepared and sent a number of boxes of supplies valued at over \$200. There are now six auxiliary societies in the Oregon Conference. Three of these were organized during the year, Grant's Pass, Grace Church, Portland, and Centenary Church, East Portland.

For the coming Conference year, the following work has been taken: For Grant's Pass District, \$200.00; for Siletz Indian Mission, \$200.00; and now with our new Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Bushong, whose heart is in the work, we are expecting that there will be successful work done during the coming year.

MRS. H. P. WEBB, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Philadelphia Conference.

The work of the year has been full of interest, and has called out the energies of the workers to the utmost.

A supper, participated in by most of the auxiliaries, was given in St. George's Hall, which netted a handsome sum of money. Donation day at the Deaconess Home showed the generosity of the people in gifts of groceries, provision and money.

At an all-day meeting of thanksgiving and consecration, held Jan. 5, in Wesley Hall, prayer for divine guidance and substantial blessing seemed to be directly answered, as Mrs. Bishop Simpson arose and presented the keys of a house at 611 Vine Street in the name of Col. Bennett, for a Deaconess Home. This property was a great boon, crowning the faith that had commenced the great work with rented accommodations. The minimum value of the gift was \$10,000.00.

We were favored with the presence of our beloved President, Mrs. Davis, at our Conference anniversary and the opening of our Deaconess Home. At the anniversary, Bishop Walden, Mrs. Albright and Mrs. Davis made addresses teeming with interest. The work of the deaconesses will be reported by the Deaconess Bureau in detail.

During the summer months the landlord of our modest Immigrants' Home bought the property next door, and knowing our need for larger accommodation, proposed to throw the two houses into one. We accepted the proposition, and on the 20th of October the new apartments were formally opened. Mrs. J. F. Willing was present and delighted all with her remarks.

The Treasurer's report of the amount of money raised in our last fiscal year, closing in March, was the largest we have ever had. The Supply Department, under Mrs. H. S. Kenney, was ably managed, and the value of supplies was nearly as large as the cash account.

MRS. C. W. BICKLEY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Pittsburgh Conference.

During the past year four new organizations have been formed in the Pittsburg Conference. One, the first in the district in which it is located, is an exceptionally vigorous one. Though only in existence since last February, it numbers nearly one hundred members, and is, we believe, the only one of its kind, being formed from two churches, which thus "provoke one another to love and good works." The officers are from both churches, and they plan and work grandly in perfect unison and harmony. They propose to have as many, or more, members from each church as if they had separate organizations.

Our contributions to General Fund have been a little larger than in any previous year, our Deaconess work has greatly increased, and has been fully sustained. There have been three women working in our "coke region," who have formed sixteen schools among the miners, thereby bringing over three hundred children of ignorant, depraved Roman Catholics or infidels under the influence of gospel truth. Not nearly so many contributions of supplies have been reported as last year. We are planning for greater success in work this coming year than ever before.

MRS. M. J. SCHOVER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Rock River Conference.

Leaving the things that are behind, we press forward; so retrospect is not our habit of mind; but by a hasty glance backward we note some progress.

In the line of organization.—Two of our out-lying districts are organized and well equipped with competent officers. As a result, several new auxiliaries have been formed. We have maintained a monthly meeting of the Conference Executive Board in Chicago, composed largely of the members from the two districts into which the city is divided. All presidents of auxiliaries within the bounds of these districts are *ex officio* members of this meeting. Our quarterly and annual meetings up to this time have been held within the limits of these districts. This leaves but two of our Conference districts practically unorganized. Rockford, under the impulse of its organization, has put forth unusual effort, and Dixon is well equipped to begin work. Both the supply and mite box departments are in charge of efficient secretaries. Interest in all the lines of work at large, in which heretofore we have shared, has been maintained.

Our main effort has been to diminish the debt on our city mission property and thus put this work on a wider basis. By the good providence of God we have been measurably successful in this. Our Conference motto: "Get ready thy spindle and thy distaff and God shall furnish thee flax," symbolizes our faith. We find when we, ourselves, are ready to work, the opportunity and means are forthcoming.

E. E. MARCY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Saint Louis Conference.

The report of the Conference is not materially changed from last year. I have not been able to prosecute the work vigorously, nor to visit in person the various sections of this rapidly developing territory. The local societies are active and progressive in this work, and there is a continuous development of interest in all departments of the work. We are greatly encouraged as we look at the progress made under the circumstances. From our point of vision the Society has a bright future.

MRS. WILLIAM JONES, *Corresponding Secretary.*

South Carolina Conference.

It is difficult to maintain organizations in a Conference like this where women educated enough to read and write are the exception. The colored people are willing to labor and give for any cause that commends itself to their judgment and sympathy, but they need leaders to enable them to observe system in their efforts.

Clafin University is the center of educational influences in the Conference. The ministers are largely the leaders of the people. They visit the School, and Simpson Home being so closely associated with the College receives its full share of their interest. They appreciate the work it is doing for the women, and a large proportion of them promise to co-operate with the Secretary to maintain organizations in their charges.

During the last year, 11 new organizations have been made, giving us 20 in all, and 289 members.

There is so much need for help among themselves that they cannot be brought to the point of sending all their money away. The mission relation is the best that we can maintain for the present. It is a great advance in their poverty to enlist them in societies for self-help.

EVA PENFIELD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

South Kansas Conference.

Believing we can build up our churches and the cause of missions in this Conference, we ardently desire to make a success of the work within our bounds. I have received reports from one auxiliary; and as this is a new Conference organization, I am hopefully waiting for the work which I will gladly do for the Master.

MRS. J. H. FORD, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Southern California Conference.

We have 80 subscribers to *Home Missions* and one Reading Circle reported. We held our anniversary and annual meetings during Conference. Several thank offering services were held during the year. Many boxes of supplies, consisting of good clothing, groceries and canned and dried fruits were sent to the needy charges in our Conference. Some money has been raised to aid in the establishment of a "Rescue Home" for Chinese women.

Our auxiliaries are becoming interested in local work and will appoint committees to carry it on this year.

We are starting out this year under favorable auspices, and hope our next report will show marked increase all along the line.

MARY C. ROSS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

South-east Indiana Conference.

In our hearts we are singing the doxology, because this Conference sends four teachers to the field. Two of them, Miss Jenkins and Miss Karrer, are new workers, and have entered upon their duties as teachers in Emerson Home. By their sweet Christian spirit they so won the hearts of the Indianapolis ladies that three churches of that city have planned to furnish different departments in the Home to which they have gone. These ladies left Indianapolis the last of September, with nearly three hundred dollars' worth of supplies.

The tenth year shows two added auxiliaries, and a gain of membership in the old auxiliaries. This results partially from the visit of Mrs. Griffith to our Conference, in March. We have held two public meetings, which have added to our membership, and to our list of subscribers to *Home Missions*.

During the session of our Annual Conference a meeting was held which was addressed by Mrs. Potter, and an auxiliary was organized. A gift of one hundred dollars has been received from a sorrowing husband who desires to thus honor the memory of his dear wife, and the cause she loved. Much interest is taken in the sending of supplies, and the acknowledgments from the recipients of our bounty are very grateful and touching.

MRS. A. V. P. ADAMS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

South-west Kansas Conference.

Interest in our work in this Conference is slowly broadening and deepening, as the blessed results of our efforts towards helpfulness are seen. A number of new auxiliaries and circles have been organized during the year, and almost all the old ones report an increase in membership and interest. We are hopefully planning for the coming year.

MRS. G. E. RAYMOND, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Troy Conference.

While looking over the records for the past year it was pleasing to note a large increase in societies and members. The success is largely due to the labors of Mrs. M. E. Griffith, who spent three weeks in our Conference and was also with us at our Round Lake anniversary.

Our annual meeting, held Oct. 13, was a most delightful occasion. Mrs. Norton, of the Albuquerque Home, told of the needs of a new building so effectively that a sum sufficient to name a room was immediately pledged, and we expect to add enough more to furnish it. She was followed by Miss Bristol of the Baltimore Deaconess Home, who went out from us last year to the Lucy Webb Hayes Home. She charmed every one as she told her experience in the Lord's work. We have furnished another missionary, Miss Philo, who has gone to Haven Home. She has had large experience as a teacher in our public schools, and in primary Sunday School work.

Our special work has been supporting beneficiaries in Kent Home, and the Mothers' Jewels Home, also assisting in the Navajoe, and Apache Missions, and sustaining a scholarship in the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School.

MRS. E. W. SIMPSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Upper Iowa Conference.

The result of the year's work shows a gain of five auxiliaries. The cause of Home Missions was presented by the Conference Secretary in nineteen churches during the year. Three successful district annual meetings were held, and two districts organized, which completes the organization of the Conference under our Society, except one district, where the Presiding Elder is doing local work by aid of "The Woman's Christian Compact," an organization effected for that purpose. At the Conference annual meeting every district was represented by delegates. The reports showed earnestness and devotion in officers and members. The Manchester Auxiliary by the payment of \$100.00 made the Conference Secretary an Honorary Life Manager of the Society, and Mrs. Stevens of Manchester conferred like honor on the Conference Treasurer.

The delegates at the annual meeting were instructed to request their auxiliaries to bear in mind the needs of the General Fund in the distribution of their money during the coming year. The Secretary wrote a personal letter to each auxiliary at the beginning of the year urging the members to subscribe for *Home Missions*, and at every public meeting held asked for subscriptions to the paper. The response was generous, and our list largely increased. The departments—Mite boxes, Young People's, Mothers' Jewels, Reading Circle, Local Work, and Supplies—have secretaries who give more or less attention to these special lines. By the payment of \$200.00 the Conference named a room in the Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home for Mrs. Stevens of Manchester.

At the anniversary at Hampton, Mrs. B. S. Potter gave an address which increased interest in the cause.

The amount of money contributed by our Conference will be found in the Treasurer's report.

We enter upon the work of the coming year expecting by the help of our faithful district officers to secure a goodly increase.

MRS. MARGARET ALSAUGH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Vermont Conference.

In our Conference the past year an advance has been made in almost all lines of effort. About 250 new members have been received during the past six months, and most of our old members are good workers. Our Treasurer's report shows a much larger sum received than in any year previous. *La grippe* greatly hindered our work during the winter, but with the spring new life and vigor seemed to come to us. Mrs. Griffith gave an instructive address at our Conference anniversary, and labored among the auxiliaries with good results, about three weeks. In addition we have had several excellent helpers from abroad, who, by their earnest words, have shown the people the great need of home missionary work.

The presence of a deaconess, and the incidents related from her experience in the work, aroused quite an interest and rendered it easy to raise the required funds to support a pupil in the Home at Washington. This year Miss Helen Batchelder has been sent there, and is to return when the course is completed and labor as a deaconess in our Conference. A generous sum has been raised for the Jesse Lee Home, also money to support a beneficiary there. Our aim has been to aid the General Fund in every way possible this year, though something has been done in the various departments of work.

We recently held our eighth annual meeting. The old Board of Officers was re-elected and a Secretary for Supplies added. This department has received unusual attention this season. Many barrels have been sent from churches not organized in this work.

Several district meetings have been held during the year, with good results; we believe them an important feature in our work. An effort will be made to have all our auxiliaries organize Reading Circles this year. We have increased our subscribers to *Home Missions*, and added a good number of the *Deaconess at Work*. We expect to do more acceptable work as interest and intelligence increase.

MRS. J. O. SHERBURN, *Corresponding Secretary*.

West Nebraska Conference.

During the year we have increased 21 organizations aside from the Mothers' Jewels, making in all 30 societies. Most of these are doing work for our Mothers' Jewels Home at York, and are enthusiastic in their work.

Mrs. Spurlock gave an interesting address at our annual meeting, dwelling at length upon the more important features of the work at the Jewels' Home. Many hearts were touched as she referred to the little ones under her care.

A contribution of special note was one sent in to us from the "King's Daughters" at Ainsworth, an organization consisting of young ladies of the Methodist and Congregational churches. They divided their money, sending \$14.00 for the use of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Our Conference Society have chosen to furnish a room in the Mothers' Jewels Home, and have named it "*West Nebraska*."

The several districts have received supplies during the year to some extent. There is not the need at some points as formerly, but our western portions will need help for some time.

We hope to show our gratitude for help received in the present year, as in the past one, by a continual increase in the number of organizations.

MRS. E. SMITH, *Corresponding Secretary*.

West Texas Conference.

We have not been able to do as much as we desired this year in the work on account of ill-health, but we are glad to say that the work is still alive in our Conference. We expect a grand time at our annual meeting, which will be held on the 17th of December.

We are anxious to have an Industrial Home at Austin, and expect to do all we can to raise money for that purpose.

The work at Waco is still encouraging. We would like to have some of the workers from the North pay us a visit, and help us to revive the work in our Conference.

MRS. L. A. WESTBROOKS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

West Wisconsin Conference.

It is with great pleasure that I report progress in the West Wisconsin Conference. The opportunity for efficient work was never better than at the present time. There is in all the work a lively interest and an increasing zeal which promise good results. The ministers are becoming more and more willing and even anxious to have the claims of the Society presented to their congregations.

This has been considered a hard field, and at the beginning of the year the outlook was uninviting and even cloudy; still we went forward, trusting in the Lord. In the time of our greatest need Mrs. Col. Springer responded to the call "Come over and help us." She gave six weeks and five days of very efficient work, and organized twenty-two new societies, and revived several old ones, added six hundred and eighty-five to our membership, and obtained one hundred and fifty-eight subscribers for *Home Missions*. Our total membership is now eight hundred and forty-nine. During the year we have raised eleven hundred dollars.

Rev. Dr. Randolph, of La Crosse, delivered the anniversary address at the Annual Conference, moving all hearts by his eloquent words, as he portrayed the work of the Society.

MRS. M. BENSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Wilmington Conference.

It may safely be said the work of Home Missions in the Wilmington Conference is progressing. The last quarterly report shows an increase in annual members, although the work of organization has not advanced during the year as successfully as the friends of the cause have desired.

The Wilmington District is well organized; the officers realizing the importance of the work they have undertaken are active and efficient along all lines. A committee appointed at the last annual meeting on organization of juvenile societies, including both boys and girls, has increased the number and effectiveness of these youthful helpers.

Three rooms have been furnished in Ritter Home by the auxiliaries. A beneficiary in this Home is sustained by the Newark Mission Circle. Grace Jewel Band is contributing to the support of a girl in the Mothers' Jewels Home. Supplies have been sent to ministers in our own Conference as well as to those on the frontier.

Our Industrial Homes and Schools have not been forgotten but have had supplies for their various needs. Interest in the Reading Circle and in Local Work increases each year. The Conference Society has

pledged the support of Saliee Ahmasoyah, the Indian girl in the Lucy Webb Hayes Deaconess Home.

We look forward hopefully, confident that our Conference will not fail to reach out the helping hand to the poor and needy of our own land.

EMMA L. WELDIN, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Wisconsin Conference.

I am sorry to say we are not organized as a Conference. Yet special interest has developed in the work in different places. I know of no auxiliaries outside of Fond du Lac and Appleton Districts, owing to the fact that we have no State organizer. Over \$200 were raised in our Conference during the year.

We have a live growing auxiliary in Division street, Fond du Lac, of 30 members, with 29 Mothers' Jewels. There are five districts in this Conference, and we are anxious to have the work established therein.

MRS. R. W. BATES, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Wyoming Conference.

Wyoming Conference has had no decrease in interest and success during the past year, although we were so unfortunate as to lose our efficient Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. O. P. Wright, by the transfer of her husband to a charge in Kansas City, Mo. Her successor came into office with but very little knowledge of its duties, but has been greatly aided by the helpfulness of the district secretaries, and by the kindly sympathy and practical advice of our Conference President, Mrs. W. H. Pearce.

Our anniversary at Conference was an occasion of profit and interest. Mrs. E. L. Albright gave a very instructive address, and Rev. H. Wheeler spoke on the work of this Society. Mrs. M. E. Griffith awakened much interest and enthusiasm by her addresses at two of our camp meetings. Conference officers took charge of the anniversaries at two other camp meetings with such success as to lead us to hope for one or two new auxiliaries.

Our pledge to the Special Fund of five hundred dollars has been more than realized. We have also an increase to our General Fund. \$167.55 have been sent to Mothers' Jewels; and a gift of \$500 to the Ritter Home by Mrs. P. L. Bennett of Wilkesbarre, Pa., who has also been supporting a school for white girls, Woodland Academy, at Cumberland, Miss. She has now placed it in the care of this Society, she continuing the support of the teacher. Kingston provides for a young girl in Spencer Home, Utah.

Local work is advancing; over \$900 have been expended this year. Two churches now employ city missionaries, Tabernacle Church at Binghamton, N. Y., and First Church at Scranton, Pa. Their reports are full of interest and of much good done.

Valuable supplies have been sent to Industrial Homes and Schools in the South and West, to Mothers' Jewels and to the Italian Home. Nearly all the auxiliaries are strong and active. We are exceedingly encouraged by the general manifestations of zeal and interest, and hope with continued efforts to have better and more definite results another year.

S. O. ROBINS, *Corresponding Secretary*.

Reports from Committees.

On Religious Press.

The Committee has sent the report of the sessions of this meeting to thirteen of the Church papers. The report of the meeting up to the close of Saturday evening was sent Saturday night to *Zion's Herald*, *Christian Advocate*, *Western Christian Advocate* and *North-western Christian Advocate*. To the remaining nine it was sent later.

The report will be continued to the close of the meeting, Wednesday evening, and sent to these papers for publication.

H. C. McCABE, *Chairman*.

On Mite Boxes.

During the past year the mite box has grown in favor with many of the Conferences. Efficient work has been done by the Conference Corresponding Secretaries, Mite Box Secretaries, and General Organizers. Much interest has been awakened, and people generally have been educated into the belief that the mite box is one of the very best methods of gathering money in a systematic and Christian way.

The number of mite boxes ordered and sent during the year is as follows: Number of mite barrels, 4,341; jugs, 4,578; bee hives, 2,133; penny a day boxes, 275. Total, 11,607.

The amount of cash and postage stamps received in payment for mite boxes was \$24.57.

The amount of money collected in mite boxes in the various Conferences as reported to me is \$5,516.09. Twenty-eight Conferences have contributed in the following order as to the amounts given: New England heading the list with \$2,184.87, Cincinnati, \$764, Central Ohio, \$572, Philadelphia, Detroit, North-west Iowa, Michigan, Orangeburg, S. C., Upper Iowa, Ohio, Newark, South-east Indiana, California, New York East, North-west Indiana, Baltimore, Upper Iowa, Erie, Genesee, Kansas, Northern New York, Central New York, East Ohio, North Nebraska, Oakland auxiliary, Ill., South-west Kansas, New England Southern.

It is gratifying to note the fact that the amount of money reported from mite boxes increases largely each year.

We again urge that all our members be encouraged to systematic giving through mite boxes, and that the amount collected by these silent gatherers be duly reported to the Secretary.

It will be still more gratifying if we can secure a report from each mite box sent out during the coming year, and most of all, if these reports shall disclose the fact that each mite box has gathered at least 100 cents for the general treasury.

MRS. W. M. AMPT, *Chairman*.

On Systematic Beneficence.

"You will have to cut the report down to the barest statistics," is the word passed along to the chairman of this Committee, and here it is. During the six months of my service I have sent out over 2,240 pages of literature on Systematic Beneficence, 210 tracts and pamphlets, 70 pages of letters, have made four addresses, written paragraphs for the papers, also more lengthy articles and tracts. By testing I have found a proportion who practice laying aside not less than one-tenth of their income for benevolent purposes that is very encouraging, and others are coming into the practice. Encouragement is received from the ministry. The hearty co-operation of all cheerful givers will ensure satisfactory results.

MRS. JAMES MATHER, *Chairman*.

On Work at Large.

On Sunday, Nov. 8th, with Mrs. Marcy, I presented our work in Richmond, Va. Nov. 11th I gave the anniversary address for Michigan Conference Society at Coldwater, and later spoke at Union City and at Quincy, and secured in all 56 members, and 11 subscribers to the paper.

By earnest solicitation, gave the anniversary address for Little Rock Conference Society at Van Buren, Ark., Feb. 5th; officers were elected for the four districts, and 31 members and 12 subscribers were secured.

Sunday, Feb. 7th, was given to the students in Philander Smith College, to the girls in Adeline Smith Home, and to a missionary service in Wesley Church. Later I mailed our Tenth Annual Report to each minister in the Little Rock Conference.

Continuous calls from the missionaries at Camden to come to them caused the journey to be undertaken, and our Homes and Schools at Holly Springs, Orangeburg, Camden, Greensboro, Asheville, Morristown, Athens and Chattanooga were visited and a score of simple addresses on various themes adapted to the students was given. Auxiliaries were formed, aggregating 127 members and 41 subscribers. No collections were taken. The entire expense was met by myself.

Having been elected organizer of the Michigan Conference, Kalamazoo was reached April 19th, and the time to May 16th was given to Home Mission work amid determined opposition by the opponents of the cause, and real helpfulness by its friends. Nevertheless, 16 new auxiliaries were effected, one young people's circle formed, and additions made to seven others.

I gave the anniversary address at the Grand Rapids, Ionia, and Albion District Conventions, and held two parlor meetings. Total for the 28 services, 514 new members, and 114 new subscribers. The Sabbath labors were greatly blessed at Otsego, at Trowbridge and at Plainwell, where in all 60 members were secured. At Ames Church, at East Street and at Division Street Churches, Grand Rapids, 149 members and 34 subscribers were obtained during the day. On a rainy Sunday morning at Albion the dear Lord gave 62 additions to encourage all our hearts. At Big Rapids an auxiliary was formed of 60 members.

By urgent request I gave from June 16th to Aug. 1st to work in the West Wisconsin Conference; formed 24 new auxiliaries, with additions to nine others, and addressed two Epworth League Conventions, obtaining a total of 690 members and 116 subscribers. The two largest auxiliaries were formed on the first and last Sunday mornings, at Platteville, with 72 members, and at Chippewa Falls with 71. The opposition to the work was greater here than I had ever met, but the success made full amends.

I have traveled more than 8,500 miles this year; written hundreds of letters and postals; secured over 1,200 members, and 317 subscribers for our paper. This work would have been wholly impossible but for the royal women who have welcomed me to their homes, and so nobly aided me.

MRS. COL. SPRINGER.

On Missionary Candidates.

Since the last Annual Meeting about thirty missionaries have been passed by this committee, and have been accepted by the Executive Board. Twenty-two of these have received appointments.

Those who remember the frequent statements that are made that we are not enlarging our work may wonder that so many new missionaries have been appointed. Several reasons may be given for this. Until quite recently there has been no opportunity for our missionaries to receive special training for their work, and in many cases we have had no means of knowing how well they were prepared except through testimonials, which are inadequate. Sometimes after reaching the field they have found the work too hard, or it has become apparent that they are incompetent to fill the positions held by them, hence their places are vacant at the close of the year. Sometimes the health of a missionary or some duty to her family will compel her to relinquish a work to which she would like to devote her life. Consequently, each year new missionaries must be appointed.

Your committee has long felt the necessity of special training for our workers, and it was with gladdened hearts that we looked upon the beautiful new Training School while in Washington one year ago; and we cordially sanction the subjoined action of the Executive Board:

Resolved, 1. That the Woman's Home Missionary Society require in the future its employees to have special training in preparation for the work of the Society. Any modification of this requirement must be made by action of the General Executive Board.

2. That the special training be taken in the national Home at Washington.

ANNA F. HERRON, *Chairman*.

On Organization.

On account of sickness in my family my work was postponed from February till March, when it really begun, and it has been almost continuous until the present time, with the exception of two weeks each in May and June.

I have responded to invitations from 6 different States by work in 12 Conferences. I have presented the interests of the Society before 6 Conference anniversaries, 5 district conventions, 4 camp meetings, 1 Conference Epworth League Convention, 1 pic-nic where 16 Sabbath Schools were represented by over 2,000 persons, 5 parlor meetings and 1 delightful all-day meeting participated in by the auxiliaries of Cleveland, O.

I have organized 2 Conferences and 2 districts, have visited 39 churches where societies were already organized, adding to their numbers 342 members, such, I hope, as have paid their dollar into the general treasury.

I also have visited 23 churches where no society existed, and have organized 25 societies, 17 auxiliaries with, in the aggregate, 247 mem-

bers, 5 young people's societies, representing a membership of 88, and 3 children's bands, as well as setting in motion plans for other children's societies by the distribution of Mothers' Jewels brick books, etc. I have given 98 addresses, besides talks to Sabbath Schools and Epworth Leagues, have sold 27 Lucy Webb Hayes Memoirs, have secured 128 subscribers to *Home Missions*, and 78 subscribers to *Deaconess at Work*.

I have reason to believe that there will come financial aid to the Society from persons whose attention I have directed to some of our special departments of work, but I cannot count it until it is *dollars* in the treasury.

The collections have amounted to \$254.38. In some of our largest churches and best congregations no new members were solicited or collections taken, arrangements to that effect having been previously made with those planning for the meetings.

I desire to make mention of my grateful appreciation of the kindness and courtesy received from pastors and people, and the hospitable homes that have been opened to me in this almost 6,000 miles of travel.

MRS. B. S. POTTER, *General Organizer*.

Of General Organizer.

I bring my report to this Annual Meeting with sincere regret that larger results cannot be counted. Yet while I *have* been lacking in *wisdom* I have *not* been lacking in *work*; and it is good to remember that "While men may judge us by the *success* of our efforts, God sees the *efforts* themselves." Some lessons I have learned from retrospection. Because of the unfailing love and kindness shown me by general and conference officers I have been too anxious to accommodate them all; and in order to give to each the dates they desired I have taken long and expensive journeys, when insisting upon different dates would have reduced the travel required.

We need a more perfect system for securing organizations. I have been urging the necessity for engaging conference organizers, and leaving the general organizers free to attend camp meetings, Conference anniversaries, district conventions, and to conduct correspondence. Fewer auxiliaries have been organized than last year because of so many urgent calls to strengthen old ones; and because the East, where most of my time has been spent, is more generally organized than the West, but I have secured more life members than ever before to help the General Fund.

I have been encouraged and inspired by the marked increase of confidence and interest in the Society in our churches. Doors swing wide everywhere to admit its representatives. But the highest and truest success can never be attained in missionary work until we who labor are guided *only* by the Christly spirit of *universal love*. Then geographical lines pertaining to missions will be invisible to us; and the terms we use too often now, "the *Foreign* Missionary Society and the *Home* Missionary Society," will both be lost in the one true term, *The Missionary Society*. Then workers will be one with each other, one with our Christ.

Public addresses given, 183; Conference anniversaries and annual meetings addressed, 10; district conventions attended, 5; summer encampments addressed: Cottage City, Willimantic, Ocean Grove, Yarmouth, Round Lake and Sydney; subscribers secured for *Deaconess at Work*, 57, and for *Home Missions*, 305; Conference Society organized, 1; Auxiliaries, 17; Bands, 5; new members secured, in Mission Bands, 275; in Auxiliaries, 1,326; cash collections, \$712.71; pledges made and mostly

paid up: For Navajo Mission, \$126.00; for Lucy Hayes Bible School, \$327.00; for Mothers' Jewels Home, \$2,274.00; for General Fund in life memberships, \$1,160.00; number of miles traveled in interest of the work, 13,562.

Have distributed large numbers of tracts and literature, but kept no record of number of pages.

MARY E. GRIFFITH, *General Organizer*.

On Bureau of Supplies.

We *Recommend*, 1. That the Conference Executive Committees of those Conferences having no Secretaries for the Bureau of Supplies appoint such officers as soon as possible, to be ready for the early winter's work.

2. That it be the duty of the Conference Secretaries of Supplies to correspond with the General Secretary of the Bureau of Supplies and ascertain from her where the auxiliaries of their respective Conferences shall send their gifts, receive measurements necessary for garments required, and endeavor to secure reduced rates of transportation over railroads.

3. That no credits shall be given to auxiliaries for supplies sent out without the approval of their Conference Secretary of Supplies.

4. That each auxiliary elect a local Secretary of Supplies who shall keep a record of all supplies issued by her auxiliary, and report the aggregate value thereof quarterly to her Conference Secretary of Supplies. The Conference Secretary in turn shall report the aggregate value of all supplies furnished by her Conference auxiliaries to the General Secretary of the Bureau of Supplies.

5. Local Secretaries of Supplies shall fill out pastors' vouchers with the aggregate sums of money raised for Home Missions and the value of supplies donated, have them signed by local treasurers, and give them to their pastors to present to the Conference Statistical Secretaries, thereby securing just credit for their local churches in the Conference minutes.

6. That the General Secretary of Supplies be requested to furnish to each Conference Secretary of Supplies a sufficient number of applications to enable her to begin her Conference work as early in each year as September 1st, and thus prevent delays in the accomplishment of the work.

MARY E. GRIFFITH, *Chairman*.

On Division of the Work.

RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD.

1. That in order to meet the rapidly increasing demands of the work, we recommend the grouping of Conferences into Mission Districts, making these groups to correspond in the main with the General Conference District boundaries.

2. That we have a Conference Union Executive Board, which shall consist of a President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer (which officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Conference Union), and the Corresponding Secretaries of the Conferences comprising the Union, of which body a majority present shall constitute a quorum.

3. WHEREAS, The Constitution of the General Society provides for an annual meeting of each Conference in which auxiliary societies have representation; therefore

Resolved, That the representation at the annual meeting of the Conference Union shall consist of the General Officers of the Conference Union, the General Officers of the Conferences comprising the Union, and the Corresponding Secretary and one delegate from each presiding elder's district, said delegate to be elected at the annual meeting of the district association where organization has been effected, and where it has not, the delegate shall be appointed by the Conference Board.

4. That Conference Unions shall provide by-laws for their own government, said by-laws to be in harmony with the Constitution of the general Society.

5. Duties of the Officers of the Conference Union:

(1). The President shall preside at all meetings, confer and co-operate with the Corresponding Secretary in the work of the Union.

(2). The duties of the Recording Secretary will be to keep records of the Conference Union, and call all meetings on notice of the President and Corresponding Secretary.

(3). The duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to inform herself of the needs and opportunities of work within the bounds of the Conference Union, correspond with each Conference Corresponding Secretary of Conferences in the Union, and furnish them with all needful information. She shall furnish blanks for all Quarterly Reports and forward the same quarterly to the General Corresponding Secretary.

(4). The duties of the Treasurer of the Conference Union shall be to secure reports, receive all moneys and report amounts and forward the same quarterly to the General Treasurer. She shall hold the contingent fund of the Conference Union, paying from these funds such bills as shall be presented to her signed by the President and Recording Secretary.

(5). [As amended.] That this plan be printed in circular form, and hat copies be sent by the General Secretary to the Conference Secretaries or consideration, and that final action be deferred until the next Annual Meeting.

On Leaflets.

Leaflet account for the year ending October 15, 1892:

EXPENSES.

For printing	\$ 19 75
For expressage and postage	16 70
Total expense	\$ 36 45

RECEIPTS.

From sale of leaflets	\$ 61 78
Total receipts	\$ 61 78
Whole number of leaflets distributed	140,084
Whole number of pamphlets distributed	898
Whole number of pages distributed	148,856

E. C. MARCY, *Chairman.*

Of the Editor of "Woman's Home Missions."

(EXTRACTS.)

What, in the beginning of its tenth year, can be done for your paper? Consider what broadening, what new impulse it brings into life. Consider how small the sum it costs. I think the Conference Secretaries should speak. There should be a symposium at the beginning of this tenth year, and the paper the theme. Let them criticise, suggest, make pledges.

Number 2 enjoys the paper but could get more people interested if it were illustrated and had a little more general literature. Dear friend, there is neither money nor space for pictures or general literature with which the secular press is overflowed.

Number 20 thinks there are too many reports of meetings from auxiliaries, districts and Conferences. Number 25 rises quickly to say that those are just what she wants. She reads them first. And why? Because she is a Secretary and wants to see how the meetings are conducted by others.

Number 30 is interested in lists of Mothers' Jewels and thinks the Treasurer's report used to be the best part of the paper. Number 35 thinks, as the Treasurer's report is published elsewhere, a fine story, with a good missionary point, fills the space more profitably.

Number 40 thinks more space should be given to young ladies. Plans of work for them. Bright, helpful stories and young ladies' reports of work. Number 46 does not want so much space given to matter on the observance of the Sabbath. The Editor thinks a sacred Sabbath will be more influential in saving the country than any other agency, and if this Society can obtain *that*, it will do its greatest work.

Number 50 suggests there is too much on Systematic Benevolence and giving first the tenth. The Editor thinks that God's word should be literally trusted, and if God says follow my plan for raising funds and I will give you *more than you can receive*, it seems to her wiser than to have an entertainment, at which you give nearly as much as you receive, to say nothing of physical weariness and expenditure of time. If the paper can call back the Church to the wisdom of God in this *one thing*, it will be to it a crown of glory, and enrich the Church with countless millions.

Number 60 thinks the Concert Lesson occupies space that could be more profitably filled. The Editor inquires if she uses this lesson in the monthly meeting? Those who do, esteem it as a help. Number 65 says she reads the whole paper, and it grows better and better. She carries it about with her and gets new subscribers every week. The Editor hopes there is in every issue, though it may be crowded with the necessary business of a great working organization, some word of life, which as a divine seed will spring up and fill with bloom, fragrance and fruit thousands of hearts and homes. For so it is God works.

H. C. McCABE, *Editor*.

Of the Publisher of "Woman's Home Missions."

For nine years *Woman's Home Missions* has been a welcome visitor in many thousand homes. From the first number it has been an important factor in the promotion of our work by telling the story of ignorance and superstition in our own land, and the pressing need of evangelization.

Some auxiliaries have been formed by the interest awakened by this silent force, and others have been enabled to grow and continue in the work. The exact benefit derived, no one can tell, but all will acknowledge that it has been necessary for the prosecution of the work of the Society.

A review of the year's work shows a steady progress. All bills have been met as soon as due, and this report shows a cash balance of \$264.75.

About 200 names have been added to our subscription list the past year, as the permanent gain over those that have fallen off. This makes, with the extra numbers given for clubs of ten, a circulation of 15,500. We should have 20,000 subscribers. We could have that number the coming year with a little extra effort from each Conference. You may not be prepared to pledge a certain number of new subscriptions, but you can inaugurate *some* plan to increase the list the coming year.

The increase of over 4,000 subscriptions, which is the necessary number to bring our list up to the desired twenty thousand, will take considerable work. This is more than we have ever gained in any previous year, but we have had nine years' experience, and know better how to work.

In our canvass for additional names *we must not neglect the renewals*. It is necessary for each auxiliary to keep a list of its subscribers and the date showing when subscriptions expire, so that none be allowed to fall off.

We acknowledge with gratitude the help received from some of our organizers. We recommend that our organizers be instructed to care for our paper as they present our work. In this way they can greatly help. Be sure that sample copies are on hand for all public meetings (they will be sent you free), especially for camp meetings and assemblies, when a day or a part of a day is set aside for the Woman's Home Missionary Society. If we can have this united effort, no doubt, our report in 1893—the decennial of our paper—will show a subscription list of 20,000.

The following statements show the receipts and expenditures for the year ending October, 1892:

RECEIPTS.	
Balance from last year	\$ 44 47
From advertisements	312 64
From subscriptions	3,656 06
Error on express	40
	\$ 4,013 57
EXPENDITURES.	
To printing and mailing the paper	\$ 2,693 25
To postage	162 75
To salaries, editor and publisher	800 00
To subscription blanks, stationery, etc.	72 90
	\$ 3,728 90
Balance on hand	284 67
	\$ 4,013 57

MARY BELLE EVANS, *Publisher*.

On Devising Ways and Means for the Support and Endowment of the Lucy Webb Hayes Training School and Home.

Resolved, 1. That a standing committee of eleven, of which Mrs. Rust shall be Chairman, be appointed to devise ways and means for the support and endowment of The Lucy Webb Hayes Bible School and Deaconess Home, said committee to be nominated by the Deaconess Bureau, subject to ratification by the General Executive Board.

2. That, wherever practicable, a secretary shall be appointed in each Conference by the Conference Executive Board to distribute literature, awaken interest and solicit funds for the same purpose.

3. That the Young People's Societies be invited and urged to make the maintenance of beneficiaries in this institution a special object of work.

MRS. JANE BANCROFT ROBINSON, *Chairman*.

MRS. T. L. TOMKINSON, *Secretary*.

On Mothers' Jewels Home.

During the year, under the sanction of the blessed Master, a very encouraging advance has been made on all lines of work in this Home. Our average number of children has been about forty; at times a few more or less. A number to whom we had become quite attached, and whose helpfulness was recognized and appreciated, have found homes through the re-establishment, in two cases by the father and in another by the mother, of their own homes. We have great reason to be thankful that the death angel has not entered our Home, nor any dark sorrow overshadowed our hearthstone.

The year's test on the line of industrial effort has been satisfactory. Our gardening was so planned that the hoe became a very potential appliance in the hands of about twelve or fifteen little boys, who now often speak with manly pride of their last summer's achievements on this line. Several of the boys are old enough to plow with two horses, and did very commendable work. Each of the boys and girls, old enough, was given a little plot of ground of their own to garden in their own way, and it was a matter of much interest to see the diversity displayed in taste and methods; and oh! what rapturous delight bubbled up from each little soul, in expressions of joy, over the first ripe melon, tomato, or blooming flower, in their own little garden.

We seek diligently to give to each child some part of our Home work, as not only a means of establishing habits of industry, but to furnish them an opportunity to "let off" that exuberance of spirit that must have vent either in an attempt at usefulness or in mischievous adventure. And the past year has proven to us that children are far happier in the thought that they are important factors as assistants, than to be under the impression that they are to be *served* or *only servants*. To strike the happy medium between the extremes of *unrequited child labor* and a life of *aimless* indulgence has been our aim and study. Our chief desire is their spiritual uplift. Many of them come to us without the knowledge of prayer; some with bad habits that would destroy soul and body, and some with inherited viciousness of temper and tendencies. By the aid of that Spirit that is light and life, we have been enabled to greatly change the trend of their inclinations, and, in most every case, they are looking for divine aid, which is more than all else. Our matron, Mrs. Jennie D. Speer, who has been with us the past year, has brought our children well up with the average schools in the sweet service of song, which forms a part of each day's duties. We have been remembered kindly in the way of clothing for the children, both from home and abroad, so that with a deft and continuous hand at the *mending board* we have kept the changes ready, and if *plainness* and *patches* sometimes marked the garments, they savored of the virtues of *cleanliness* and *comfort*.

Many substantial improvements have been made during the year, involving expenditures, the chief of which are our Home hospital, additional acreage, and a poultry house with yards. Other minor improvements of imperative need have been added; also agricultural implements, equipping us completely for the present. Our beginning in bee culture promises success in the future.

Before another year closes we hope our new dormitory will be built, where we can take into our sheltering care a part, at least, of the many children that knock at our door for admittance. We earnestly appeal to all Christian philanthropists, and to all parents whose children are beyond the realm of sin and suffering, to "lend a hand" and help rescue the neglected and needy children, that they too may become polished jewels for the Master.

BURWELL AND ISABELLA SPURLOCK, *Superintendents*.

On Beneficiaries.

1. The Beneficiaries in each Home connected with a Church school shall be selected by a committee, consisting of the Superintendent of the Home and the President of the school. In Homes not so connected the selection shall be made by a committee, consisting of the Superintendent of the Home and the Chairman of the Committee on the Home.

2. The names of the pupils thus chosen, upon recommendation by the Secretary of the Bureau and the approval of the Executive Board, shall be placed on record as the Beneficiaries of the Society for the ensuing year. The list shall also be furnished to the Treasurer.

3. The appropriations for Beneficiaries in each Industrial Home shall be considered at the Annual Meeting and made according to the apparent needs of each by the General Board of Managers.

4. All funds given for Beneficiaries shall be sent as other funds are sent through the Conference Treasurer to the General Treasurer, and in no case shall vouchers be accepted by the Treasurer in the place of money.

5. The General Treasurer shall make remittances to the Superintendents of the Homes for the support of Beneficiaries at such regular intervals as the General Executive Board may determine.

MRS. A. R. CLARK, *Chairman*.

On Resolutions.

Resolved, 1. That we request the Committee having in charge the publication of the Annual Report to condense the same so far as is consistent, and secure its publication at the earliest possible date.

2. That we extend a glad welcome to the two earnest young women who come to us as Conference representatives, recognizing in their presence among us a prophecy of future growth and power.

3. That hereafter at our Annual Meetings where we are so hospitably received into homes, both delegates and visitors shall pay the small sum of fifteen cents for the noon luncheon; the amount to go to the treasury of the respective societies furnishing the same.

4. That the thanks of this body be given to Mrs. T. L. Tomkinson of Harrisburg, Pa., who during the year has prepared or secured the preparation of the valuable monthly concert lessons published in *Home Missions*.

5. That we record our grateful appreciation of the kindness of Mr. J. H. P. Hughart, General Manager of the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad, of Mr. C. L. Lockwood, General Passenger Agent of the same, and of Mr. T. W. Mould also of Mr. C. S. Rogers of the Lake Shore, who have each rendered valuable assistance to the Committee on Transportation.

6. That we express our thanks to the reporters connected with the local papers for their accurate reports of the proceedings of this body, and to the agents of the Associated and United Press, who have so kindly agreed to transmit the same to the public press throughout the country.

7. That the thanks of this body are heartily extended to the Committee of Arrangements; to the ladies of Division Street and other churches for the bountiful lunches; to the friends who have so cordially entertained us in their homes; to Mrs. M. R. Bissell for the delightful reception at her elegant home; to Mrs. Oscar Wilmarth and those who have so kindly rendered most delightful music at various meetings; to the pages; and to the ladies in charge of the post office.

8. That we sincerely appreciate the constant interest, and helpful attentions of Rev. A. M. Gould, pastor of this church, and tender him, together with the trustees, our grateful acknowledgments.

MRS. E. L. HYDE, *Secretary*.

MRS. C. B. FISK, *Chairman*.

On Finance and Mission Fields.

The Committee on Finance and Mission Fields recommend as follows, for the year 1892-3 :

APPROPRIATIONS.

Southern Work.

ATLANTA, GA.—Missionary, salary and traveling expenses .	\$ 400
Assistant teacher	160
Repairs on building	26
Drain	14
Kalsomining	40
Total	\$ 640
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—Four missionaries, salary, traveling expenses	\$ 1,600
Repairs	270
Total	\$ 1,870
Ocala, FLA.—Two missionaries, salary, traveling expenses \$	640
Sanitary work	50
Fences, fertilizing, trees (conditional)	325
Furnishings and incidentals “	300
Total	\$ 1,315
SAVANNAH, GA.—Missionary, salary, traveling expenses . .	\$ 480
Two missionaries	720
One assistant	135
Current expenses of house	500
Furnishings and repairs	200
Taxes, insurance, etc.	150
Total	\$ 2,185
(Conditional)	150
SPEEDWELL, GA.—Missionary, salary, traveling expenses .	\$ 360
Current expenses for house	150
Incidentals	100
Total	\$ 610
ORANGEBURG, S. C.—Two missionaries, salary and traveling expenses	\$ 720
Incidentals, furnishings	300
Kalsomining	40
Total	\$ 1,060
Painting (conditional)	225
CAMDEN, S. C.—Four missionaries, salary and traveling expenses	\$ 1,560
Finishing attic, fences and organ	500
Total	\$ 2,060

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—Two missionaries, salary and traveling expenses		\$ 800
Sanitary work		30
Terrace and sodding		25
Furnishing and incidentals		175
Housekeeper and janitor		195
Fuel		90
Total		\$ 1,315
Belfry and bell (conditional)		50
GREENSBORO, N. C.—Teacher, salary and traveling expenses \$		400
Incidentals		75
Total		\$ 475
ATHENS, TENN.—Teacher, salary and traveling expenses . \$		400
Assistant teacher		180
Incidentals		100
Fuel		120
Total		\$ 800
Buildings (conditional)		2,000
MORRISTOWN, TENN.—Industrial teacher, salary and ex-		
penses		\$ 400
Missionary teacher, salary and expenses		400
Furnishings, stoves, etc.		200
Completion of building		1,000
Total		\$ 2,000
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—Two missionaries, salary and traveling		
expenses		\$ 800
Assistant teacher, salary and traveling expenses		210
Sewerage and repairs		300
Total		\$ 1,310
HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS.—Two missionaries, salary, traveling		
expenses		\$ 800
Repairs, furnishings and incidentals		400
Total		\$ 1,200
NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Two missionaries, salary and traveling		
expenses		\$ 60
Missionary for French and Italian work		200
Missionary for factory school		100
Total		\$ 1,000
MARSHALL, TEXAS.—Two teachers, salary and traveling		
expenses		\$ 790
Incidentals		10
Drainage and walks		150
Water connection (conditional)		300
Total		\$ 1,250
Total for Southern Work		\$ 18,265
Total for Southern Work (conditional)		3,350

Indian Work.

PAWHUSKA, OK. TER.—Salary of missionary	\$ 150
PONCA, OK. TER.—Salary of missionary	\$ 150
PAWNEE, OK. TER.—Salary of missionary	\$ 150
NOOKSACHK, WASH.—Superintendent	\$ 350
Matron	350
Teacher	400
Insurance and incidentals	100
Farming tools and stock	100
Industrial teacher (conditional upon being needed) . .	350
Assistant (conditional upon being needed)	150
Barn (conditional upon being needed)	200
Repairing house (conditional upon being needed) . .	300
Farm help (conditional upon being needed)	200
Total	\$ 2,530
UKIAH, CAL.—Missionary	\$ 400
Incidentals (conditional upon being needed)	200
Total	\$ 600
Total for Indian Work	\$ 2,150
Total for Indian Work (conditional)	1,430

Utah.

MT. PLEASANT.—Teacher, salary and traveling expenses .	\$ 400
Assistant, salary and traveling expenses	300
Total	\$ 700
MORONI.—Teacher, salary and traveling expenses . . .	\$ 400
Total	\$ 400
ELSINORE.—Teacher, salary and traveling expenses . .	\$ 400
Total	\$ 400
RICHFIELD.—Teacher, salary and traveling expenses . .	\$ 400
Assistant, salary and traveling expenses	300
Total	\$ 700
SALT LAKE CITY.—Spencer Home, teacher, salary and traveling expenses	\$ 400
City missionary	480
Furnishing	50
Sewer connection	175
Total	\$ 1,105
PROVO.—Teacher, salary and traveling expenses . . .	\$ 400
Total	\$ 400

LOGAN.—Teacher, salary and traveling expenses	\$ 400
Assistant, salary and traveling expenses	350
Total	<u>\$ 750</u>
Incidentals for Utah Bureau	250
Total	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
Total for Utah	4,705

New Mexico and Arizona (Spanish).

ALBUQUERQUE.—Home building	2,000
Home building (conditional)	2,000
For Mrs. Norton's work	300
Total	<u>\$ 4,300</u>
CANDELARIAS.—Missionary, salary and traveling expenses	\$ 480
Rent and incidentals	100
Repairs, keeping horse and carriage	100
Total	<u>\$ 680</u>
LAS VEGAS.—Missionary, salary and traveling expenses	\$ 480
Rent, fuel and incidentals	200
Total	<u>\$ 680</u>
Total for New Mexico and Arizona (Spanish)	<u>\$ 3,660</u>
Total for New Mexico and Arizona (Spanish) (conditional)	2,000

New Mexico and Arizona (Indian).

DULCE.—Two missionaries, salary and expenses	\$ 700
Salary (conditional)	200
Improvements and industrial work	100
Incidentals	50
Total	<u>\$ 1,050</u>
NAVAJOES.—Two missionaries, salary and expenses	\$ 700
Additions to buildings, furnishings	300
Industrial work, dispensary	200
Interpreter and incidentals	200
Total	<u>\$ 1,400</u>
Total for New Mexico and Arizona (Indian)	<u>\$ 2,450</u>

Immigrant Work.

NEW YORK CITY.—Two missionaries	\$ 900
Board of assistant teacher	100
Domestic	168
Rent	650
Current expenses	400
Total	<u>\$ 2,218</u>
PHILADELPHIA.—(Conditional)	\$ 600
Total	<u>\$ 600</u>

BOSTON.—Missionary	\$ 416
Assistant and domestic	520
Repairs and incidentals	64
Fuel and lights	100
Payment on building	2,000
Total	\$ 3,100
Additions to Home (conditional)	2,000
NEW YORK ITALIAN MISSION.—Rent on Home	\$ 600
Rent on Mission	180
Missionaries, salary and expenses	900
Fuel and gas	100
Furniture and school requisites	50
Total	\$ 1,830
(Conditional)	800
Total for Immigrant Work	\$ 7,148
Total for Immigrant Work (conditional)	3,400

Deaconess Work.—(Conditional.)

BUFFALO	\$ 6,000
DETROIT	3,000
WASHINGTON	8,000
PITTSBURG	2,500
SYRACUSE	1,000
PHILADELPHIA	3,000
GRAND RAPIDS	5,000
BROOKLYN	3,500
BALTIMORE	1,500
CLEVELAND	2,000
VERMONT	250
DES MOINES	1,500
Total	\$ 37,250

Conference Work.—(Conditional.)

DETROIT	\$ 3,000
MICHIGAN	2,000
PITTSBURG	500
WEST WISCONSIN	200
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA	500
GENESEE	150
NEW JERSEY	500
Total	\$ 6,850

Work in Cities and Towns.—(Conditional.)

CINCINNATI—GLENN HOME, (\$500 unconditional)	\$ 8,000
NEWARK, N. J.	600
CLARKSON, MISS.	400
COLUMBUS, O.	500
NEWARK, O.	150
CHILLICOTHE, O.	150
CLEVELAND, O.	1,200
ORANGEBURG, S. C.	800

CHICAGO.—Bohemian work, missionaries	\$ 730
Building	10,000
DUBUQUE, IA.	100

Total \$22,630

YORK, NEB.—Superintendent and assistant	\$ 800
Matron	480
Farmer	250
Table supplies and clothing	2,000
Machinery	200

Total \$ 3,730

Building and furnishing (conditional) \$16,000

Beneficiaries.—(Conditional.)

ATLANTA	\$ 150
JACKSONVILLE	150
ORANGEBURG	185
CAMDEN	250
GREENSBORO	150
ATHENS—For white girls	1,000
HOLLY SPRINGS	150
LITTLE ROCK	150
NEW ORLEANS	100
MARSHALL	40
SPENCER HOME, (Utah)	50

Total \$ 2,375

GENERAL INCIDENTAL EXPENSES \$ 4,000

Summary.

	Unconditional.	Conditional.
South	\$18,265	\$ 3,350
Indian	2,150	1,430
Utah	4,705	
New Mexico—Spanish	3,660	2,000
New Mexico—Indian	2,450	
Immigrant	7,148	3,400
Deaconess		37,250
Conference		6,850
Work in cities and towns	500	22,130
Mothers' Jewels Home	3,730	16,000
Beneficiaries		2,375
Incidental expenses	4,000	
Total	\$46,608	\$94,785

NOTE.—The term "conditional" as here used means that the fund to which it is applied is to be raised for the work indicated; and the amounts so marked will not be expended unless they are specially provided for the purpose.

Report of the Treasurer.

MRS. A. R. CLARK, in Account with the Woman's Home Missionary Society,
November 1, 1891, to November 1, 1892.

RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCES.

Baltimore Conference.

MRS. CLARA ROACH, Secretary.

MRS. M. E. BROWN, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BALTIMORE DISTRICT.—Baltimore: Madison Ave., \$66.00; Mount Vernon Place, \$53.00; Strawbridge, \$33.00. Total, \$152.00.

EAST BALTIMORE DISTRICT.—Baltimore: Madison Square, \$10.00; North Baltimore, Monument Square, \$37.90; West Harford, \$10.00.

Total, \$57.90.

WEST BALTIMORE DISTRICT.—Baltimore: Columbia Avenue, \$19.00; Fayette Street, \$34.00; Grace, \$29.00; Harlem Park, \$24.00. Total, \$106.00.

FREDERICK DISTRICT.—Elk Garden, \$9.00; Janesville, \$2.50; Paw Paw, \$21.10.

Total, \$32.60.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.—Kensington, \$21.50; Washington: Dumbarton Avenue, \$25.50; Fifteenth Street, \$11.75; Foundry, Senior, \$115.00; Foundry, Junior Circle, \$21.00; Fourth Street, \$34.37; Grace, \$12.74; Hamline, Senior, \$107.00; Hamline, Junior Circle, \$15.00; McKendree, Senior, \$35.00; Junior Circle, \$15.15; Metropolitan, \$45.25; North Capitol, \$1.50; Ryland, \$46.48; Union, \$25.00; Waugh, Senior, \$37.05; Wesley Chapel, \$44.00; Circle, \$4.50.

Total, \$617.79.

OTHER SOURCES.—From the Conference gatherings, \$90.00.

Total, \$90.00.

Total to General Fund \$1,056.29.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Washington: McKendree, \$30.00; Mt. Vernon, \$7.00.

Total, \$37.00.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$37.00.

To Special Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Dumbarton, \$10.00; McKendree, \$57.02; Mt. Vernon, \$1.31.

Total, \$68.33.

To Italian Work in New York City.—Dumbarton, \$10.00.

Total, \$10.00.

To Alaska.—*Jesse Lee Home.*—Washington: Harlem Park, \$10.00; Metropolitan Church, \$17.34; Madison Square, \$2.00; Mrs. J. Eddy Somers, \$100.00.

Total, \$129.34.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Washington: Foundry, \$4.00; Waugh, \$28.75; Strawbridge, \$2.00.

Total, \$34.75.

To Lucy Webb Hayes' Training School and Deaconess Home.—Washington: Dumbarton Avenue, \$16.00; Foundry, Senior, \$100.50; Foundry, Junior, \$121.16; Fourth Street, \$24.50; Hamline, Senior, \$97.89; Hamline, Junior, \$38.00; McKendree, Senior, \$36.61; McKendree, Junior, \$52.25; Metropolitan, \$104.62; Sunday School, \$15.00; Mrs. Logan, \$10.00; Ryland, \$9.25; Wesley Chapel, \$36.41. Total, \$662.19.

This amount, \$662.19, was disbursed to the Deaconess Work and Training School in Washington, and reported by vouchers.

To Deaconess Work in Baltimore.—Baltimore: Fayette Street, \$111.00; Grace, \$95.00; Harlem Park, \$76.30; Madison Avenue, \$113.63; Mt. Vernon, \$224.00; Janesville, \$2.70. Total, \$622.63.

This amount, \$622.63, was disbursed in Baltimore, and reported to Treasurer.

Total to Special Fund	\$1,527.24.
Grand Total	\$2,620.53.

California Conference.

MRS. P. G. BUCHANAN, Secretary. MISS M. WYTHE, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—OAKLAND DISTRICT.—Alameda, \$19.00; Berkeley, \$13.00; Oakland, First Church, \$49.50; Circle, \$8.50; Stockton, \$16.00. Total, \$106.00.

SACRAMENTO DISTRICT.—Sacramento, Central, \$14.00. Total, \$14.00.

NAPA DISTRICT.—Napa, \$43.00; Petaluma, \$15.00. Total, \$58.00.

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT.—Pacific Grove, \$6.00; San Francisco: Central, \$36.10; Grace, \$11.50; Powell, \$10.00; Trinity, \$29.00; San Jose, \$32.00; Santa Cruz, \$15.50. Total, \$140.10.

OTHER SOURCES.—California Conference Auxiliary, \$28.00; from Conference, by Thomas Filben, \$46.00. Total, \$74.00.

To Frontier Work in Conference.—Oakland Auxiliary, legacy left by a friend for the Frontier Work, \$1,105.75. Total, \$1,105.75.

Total to General Fund	\$1,495.85.
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To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Chinese Girls in San Francisco.*—Oakland, \$120.00. Total, \$120.00.

Total to Beneficiary Fund	\$ 120.00.
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To Special Fund.—*To California Conference Deaconess Work.*—Oakland and San Francisco Districts, \$3,521.83.

Total to Special Fund	\$3,521.83.
Grand Total	\$5,137.68.

This amount, \$5,137.68, was disbursed as follows: \$1,275.30 to Frontier Work in the Conference, \$120.00 to Beneficiary Work in the Conference, \$220.55 to General Treasurer; and \$3,521.83 to Deaconess Work.

Central Illinois Conference.

MISS L. C. TUNNICLIFF, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—GALESBURG DISTRICT.—Carthage Circle, \$40.47; Galesburg, \$36.00. Total, \$76.47.

KANKAKEE DISTRICT.—Kempton, \$16.90; Onargo, \$22.75. Total, \$39.65.

ROCK ISLAND DISTRICT.—Rock Island Circle, \$30.00. Total, \$30.00.

OTHER SOURCES.—Special credit not given, \$41.67. Total, \$41.67.

Total to General Fund	\$187.79.
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To Special Fund.—*To Utah.*—Carthage Circle, \$10.00. Total, \$10.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Kankakee District Camp Meeting, \$26.80; Lynn Center, \$3.30 (to name a bed "Minnie Thompson," the \$10.00 having been paid); Rock Island Circle, \$20.46 (to name a bed "Rock Island").

Total, \$50.56.

Total to Special Fund \$ 60.56.

Grand Total \$248.35.

Central Missouri Conference.

MRS. B. M. TAYLOR, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—St. John Chapel, Lexington, \$2.00; Sweet Springs, \$6.00; Wesley Chapel, St. Louis, \$8.70; Conference offerings, \$16.65.

Total to General Fund \$33.35.

Central New York Conference.

MRS. W. A. BROWNELL, Secretary. MRS. J. F. PEASE, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—AUBURN DISTRICT.—Auburn: First Church, \$67.00; Wall Street, \$18.00; Band, \$3.50; Bethel Circle, \$11.00; Clyde, \$10.00; Weedsport, \$23.00; Circle, \$1.00; Venice, \$1.00. Total, \$134.50.

CAZENOVIA DISTRICT.—Bennett's Corner, \$1.00; Canastota, \$66.13; Circle, \$1.60; Cazenovia, \$38.50; Chittenango Band, \$7.50; Cincinnati, \$1.00; Cortland: First Church, \$33.88; Circle, \$1.50; Cuyler and De Ruyter, \$5.00; Dewitt, \$13.00; Keeney's Settlement, \$6.00; Homer, \$13.00; Manlius, \$27.00; Oneida, \$20.35; West Eaton, \$6.65; Band, \$2.24.

Total, \$244.35.

ELMIRA DISTRICT.—Canton, \$25.00; Elmira: First Church, \$37.00; Home Lights, \$20.50; Mansfield, \$1.00; Troy, \$25.00. Total, \$108.50.

GENEVA DISTRICT.—Lyons, \$8.85; Newark, \$18.00; Penn Yan, \$28.00; Circle, \$8.85; Port Gibson, \$1.00; Pultneyville, \$1.00; Williamson, \$0.50.

Total, \$66.20.

ITHACA DISTRICT.—Dryden, \$7.75; Groton, \$1.00; Horseheads, \$11.25; Ithaca: First Church, \$58.00; Lodi, \$3.25; Mecklenburg, \$15.00; Newfield, \$13.00; Ovid, \$12.00; Sheldrake, \$2.00; Townsendville, \$4.00; Trumansburg, \$12.25. Total, \$139.50.

SYRACUSE DISTRICT.—Baldwinsville, \$33.00; Circle, \$2.25; Liverpool, \$13.00; Syracuse: Centenary, \$56.00; Band, \$4.25; First Church, \$73.43; Lillian Vernon Circle, \$8.00; Golden Rule Band, \$6.00; First Ward, \$27.75; Band, \$2.25; Furman Street, \$33.34; University Avenue, \$36.50; West Genesee Street, \$13.25. Total, \$309.02.

Total to General Fund \$1,002.07.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*Jesse Lee Home.*—Clifton Springs, Young People's Society, \$25.00; Syracuse: First Church, King's Daughters, \$27.37.

Total, \$52.37.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$52.37.

To Special Fund.—*To Adeline Smith Home.*—Syracuse, University Avenue, \$20.00. Total, \$20.00.

To Ritter Home.—Canton, \$32.75. Total, \$32.75.

To Italian Work in New York City.—Ithaca, First Church, \$14.62.

Total, \$14.62.

To Peck Home.—Baldwinsville, \$50.00. Total, \$50.00.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home.—Whittier Room.—Cortland, \$3.00; Syracuse: First Church, King's Daughters, \$11.40; University Avenue, \$1.25. Total, \$15.65.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Bethel Corner, \$10.00; Brewerton, \$2.00; Canton, \$17.75; Chatham, \$16.00 (to name a window "Lottie Cotton"); Chittenango, \$0.70; Cazenovia, \$1.00; Elmira, First Church, \$7.00; Homer,

\$2.00; Ithaca, First Church, \$9.50; McGrawville, \$2.00; Manlius, \$1.20; Oneida, \$5.00; Syracuse: First Church, \$2.30; Golden Rule Band, \$110.00 (one hundred to name a room, "Syracuse Golden Rule Band," ten dollars to name a window, "Laura Fiske McCarty"); Centenary, \$9.47; Rain or Shine Band, \$8.32; University Avenue, \$1.50; West Genesee, Queen Esther Band, \$10.00 (to name a window, "Phoebe Armstrong"); Weedsport, \$6.00. Total, \$221.74.

To Deaconess Work in Syracuse.—Auburn, First Church, \$12.50; Baldwinsville, \$25.00; Canton, \$8.55; Cortland, \$29.25; Ithaca: First Church, \$79.16; Syracuse: First Church, \$25.00; Golden Rule Band, \$25.00; Centenary, \$41.26; University Avenue, \$27.65; Weedsport, \$11.00. Total, \$284.37.

Total to Special Fund \$ 639.13.

Grand Total \$1,693.57.

The Deaconess receipts, \$284.37, were disbursed in Syracuse by the Conference Executive Board.

Central Ohio Conference.

MRS. DELIA L. WILLIAMS, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BELLEFONTAINE DISTRICT.—Anna, \$13.00; De Graff, \$25.00; Hardin, \$16.95; Quincy, \$26.50; Sidney, \$36.10; Kenton, \$14.00; Band, \$5.00. Total, \$136.55.

DEFIANCE DISTRICT.—Ayersville, \$9.25; Bryan, \$24.25; Band, \$1.75; Defiance, \$34.00; Circle, \$4.50; Florida, \$7.00; Independence, \$10.75; Ottawa, \$32.25; Paulding, \$10.00; Pioneer, \$22.50. Total, \$156.25.

DELAWARE DISTRICT.—Agosta, \$0.95; Delaware, William Street, \$39.00; Marysville, \$38.60; Marion, \$4.50; Prospect, \$16.11; Upper Sandusky, \$15.50; West Mansfield, Bethel Church, \$13.05. Total, \$127.71.

FINDLAY DISTRICT.—Ada, \$22.50; Benton Ridge, \$6.26; Bloomdale, \$5.00; Carey, \$16.25; Columbus Grove, \$9.25; Dunkirk, Harris Chapel, \$5.00; Findlay: First Church, \$37.11; Howard Church, \$7.50; Third Church, \$11.00; Fostoria, \$45.50; Fremont, \$87.00; Union, \$12.00; Rawson, \$4.15. Total, \$268.51.

LIMA DISTRICT.—Delphos, \$35.69; Band, \$6.75; Herring, \$2.00; Mendon, \$23.86; Band, \$1.00; Mercer, \$10.00; Middlepoint, Grace Church, \$2.60; Lima, Trinity, \$23.60; Perry, \$5.10; Salem, \$4.00; Rockford, \$3.75; Van Wert, \$19.67; Wapakoneta, \$7.50. Total, \$145.52.

TOLEDO DISTRICT.—Bowling Green, \$35.50; Greensburg, \$20.00; Oak Harbor, \$16.00; Port Clinton, \$15.50; Toledo: St. Paul, \$117.60; Third Street, \$10.50. Total, \$215.10.

Received from Conference, \$11.00.

Total to General Fund \$1,060.64.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Defiance, C. Harley, Esq., \$25.00. Total, \$25.00.

To Thayer Home.—Toledo, Saint Paul, \$50.00. Total, \$50.00.

To Haven Home.—Toledo, Saint Paul, \$41.60. Total, \$41.60.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Toledo, Mrs. Jacquet, \$50.00. Total, \$50.00.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$ 166.60.

To Special Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Anna, \$16.50; De Graff, \$5.00; Quincy, \$18.50; Ayersville, \$11.00; Bryan, \$19.00; Defiance, \$105.00; Circle, \$38.95; Band, \$15.35; Florida, \$23.00; Independence, \$13.83; Ottawa, \$67.43 (including \$17.43 used for furnishings); Band, \$10.00; Delaware, William Street, \$380.50; Marion, \$5.00; Prospect, \$5.00; Upper Sandusky, \$1.20; West Mansfield, Bethel Church, \$7.66; Beaver Dam, \$2.00; Benton Ridge, \$7.60; Bloomdale, \$10.00; Carey, \$40.45 (including \$6.20 used for

furnishings); Columbus Grove, \$5.70; Findlay: First Church, \$23.44; Howard, \$2.05; Third, \$5.00; Fostoria, First Church, \$25.75; Fremont \$30.00; McComb, \$1.25; Rockport, \$10.00; Union, \$28.22; Delphos, \$64.94; Herring, \$12.25; Mendon, \$10.75; Band, \$3.60; Mercer, \$4.00; Middlepoint, Grace Church, \$31.69; Lima, Trinity, \$60.10; Perry, \$12.00; Van Wert, \$49.76; Wapakoneta, \$10.00; Bowling Green, \$55.75; Greensburg, \$13.14; Port Clinton, \$17.16; Toledo, St. Paul's, \$98.39 (including \$20.00, furnishings); Toledo, Third Street, \$16.25. Total, \$1,394.16.

To King Home.—Sidney, \$100.50 (including \$25.59 used for furnishings); Delaware, William Street, \$20.00; Marysville, \$5.00; Ada, \$27.50; Findlay, First Church, \$14.82. Total, \$167.91.

To Italian and Immigrant Work.—Defiance, \$13.00; Delaware, William Street, \$5.00. Total, \$18.00.

To Bohemian Work.—Delaware, William Street, \$5.00. Total, \$5.00.

To Utah Fund.—*Thomson Chapel.*—Delaware, William Street, \$10.00. Total, \$10.00.

To Indian Fund.—*Navajoes.*—Prospect, \$23.70. Total, \$23.70.

To Lucy Hayes Deaconess Home.—Delaware, William Street, \$10.00; Carey, \$10.00; Greensburg, \$10.00. Total, \$30.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Hardin, \$1.70; Ottawa, \$4.20; Paulding, \$6.00; Pioneer, \$2.00; West Mansfield, Bethel, \$4.00; Fremont, \$3.00; Mercer, \$4.00; Middlepoint, Grace, \$7.00; Van Wert, \$12.50 (\$10.00 of this were raised by five little girls to name a window, "Mabel Hall"); Greensburg, \$3.20. Total, \$47.60.

Total to Special Fund \$1,696.37.

Grand Total \$2,923.61.

Central Pennsylvania Conference.

MRS. T. L. TOMKINSON, Secretary.

MRS. C. W. BLACK, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—ALTOONA DISTRICT.—Bellefonte, \$17.00; Tyrone, \$2.25. Total, \$19.25.

DANVILLE DISTRICT.—Berwick, \$28.46; Hazleton, \$29.50; Shamokin, \$5.00; Sunbury, \$25.95. Total, \$88.91.

HARRISBURG DISTRICT.—Carlisle, \$26.70; Chambersburg, \$32.15; Harrisburg: Grace, \$167.97; Ridge Avenue, \$27.02; Band, \$4.17; New Cumberland Circle, \$20.97. Total, \$278.98.

JUNIATA DISTRICT.—Huntingdon, \$16.33; Circle, \$1.58. Total, \$17.91.

WILLIAMSPORT DISTRICT.—Jersey Shore, \$3.50; Lewisburg, \$16.00; Lock Haven, \$30.00; Milton, \$26.55; Montoursville, \$10.00; Williamsport: Grace, \$20.20; Mulberry Street, \$46.80; Newberry, \$5.65; Circle, \$4.16; Pine Street, \$28.61. Total, \$191.47.

OTHER SOURCES.—Conference Society, \$20.00. Total, \$20.00.

Total to General Fund \$616.52.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To King Home.*—Williamsport: Mulberry St. Young Ladies' Circle, \$30.00. Total, \$30.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Huntingdon, \$20.00. Total, \$20.00.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$50.00.

To Special Fund.—*To Indian Fund.*—*To Navajoes.*—Bellefonte, \$3.00. Total, \$3.00.

To Slickney Home.—Williamsport: Mulberry Street, \$16.50 (to name a window, "Rachel T. Williams"). Total, \$16.50.

To Jesse Lee Home.—Carlisle, \$10.00; Chambersburg, \$12.05; Harrisburg, Grace, \$20.00; New Cumberland, \$10.00; Milton, \$10.00. Total, \$62.05.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Fund.—Carlisle, \$1.00; Harrisburg, Grace, \$7.00; Williamsport, Mulberry Street, \$5.54. Total, \$13.54.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Chambersburg, \$14.00 (to "Mary Speer")

window); Belfonte, \$12.40 (to name a window "Jackson Morse Stine"); Hazelton, \$24.00 (to name a window "Stella Lee"); Harrisburg: Grace, \$8.15; Ridge Avenue, \$12.00; Mount Grove Camp, \$2.00; Sunbury, \$13.40; Tyrone, \$34.00 (to endow a bed); Williamsport, Mulberry Street, \$7.50.

Total, \$127.45.

Total to Special Fund \$222.54.

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Cincinnati Conference.

MRS. I. D. JONES, Secretary.

MRS. JAMES DALE, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CINCINNATI DISTRICT.—Avondale, \$62.00; Cincinnati: Asbury, \$11.00; Christie, \$68.62; Mount Auburn, \$9.00; Mount Lookout, \$20.00; St. Paul, \$134.82; Trinity, \$149.61; Walnut Hills, \$167.45; Circle, \$20.50; Band, \$5.00; York Street, \$30.00; Cleves, \$19.15; Delhi, \$20.55; Ivanhoe, \$17.10; Red Bank, \$20.00; Winton Place, \$39.50.

Total, \$794.30.

DAYTON DISTRICT.—Brookville, \$8.50; Circle, \$3.00; Dayton: Grace, \$126.20; Raper, \$54.90; St. Paul, \$19.00; Donnelsville, \$8.00; Greenville, \$35.25; Piqua: Grace, \$11.00; Green Street, \$80.00; Troy, Mulberry Street, \$74.95.

Total, \$420.80.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.—Carthage, \$38.60; Eaton, \$23.00; Hartwell, \$32.00; Lebanon Circle, \$9.00; Middletown, \$43.30; Oxford, \$14.00; Pleasant Ridge, \$20.47; Springborough, \$10.50; Circle, \$1.25; Band, \$0.63.

Total, \$192.75.

HILLSBOROUGH DISTRICT.—Greenfield, \$3.65; Leesburg, \$5.00; Band, \$13.00; Hillsborough, \$12.50.

Total, \$34.15.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—Mechanicsburg, \$31.25; New Carlisle, \$7.50; South Charleston, \$15.35; Springfield: Central, \$56.00; Circle, \$10.00; High Street, \$49.00; Saint Paul, \$89.00; Urbana: First Church, \$28.00; Grace, \$22.25; Circle, \$1.35; Band, \$3.70; Xenia: First Church, \$25.65; Circle, \$15.64; Trinity, \$20.00.

Total, \$374.69.

OTHER SOURCES.—Urbana: Bequest of J. F. Conrey, \$500.00. From various charges, paid to Book Room, \$28.00.

Total, \$528.00.

Total to General Fund \$2,344.69.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Haven Home.*—Walnut Hills Band, \$60.00.

Total, \$60.00.

To Simpson Home.—Dayton, Raper Chapel, \$25.00.

Total, \$25.00.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Fund.—*To Indian Student.*—Cincinnati, St. Paul, Mrs. R. S. Rust, \$31.40.

Total, \$31.40.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$116.40.

To Special Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Cincinnati: Mount Auburn, \$10.00; Trinity, \$30.00; Dayton: Grace Church, \$10.00; Trinity, \$30.00.

Total, \$80.00.

To Emerson Memorial Home.—Mount Auburn, Mrs. Whetstone, \$100.00.

Total, \$100.00.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home.—Cincinnati: Mount Auburn, \$3.00; Saint Paul, \$25.00; Trinity, \$10.00; Dayton, Mrs. Livezey, \$10.00.

Total, \$48.00.

To "Deaconess at Work."—Trinity, Mrs. John Davis, \$60.00.

Total, \$60.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Cincinnati: Avondale, \$20.00 (Memorial windows to be named "Mrs. W. F. Thorne," "Mrs. William Gleun"); Band, \$6.95; Saint Paul, \$13.00; Trinity, \$6.10; Walnut Hills, \$86.00; Carthage, \$2.40; Dayton: Grace, \$2.50; Raper, \$16.10; Saint Paul, \$44.70; Lebanon Circle, \$1.00; Leesburg, \$5.00; Mechanicsburg, \$0.20; Middletown, \$0.70; Monroe, \$2.00; Pleasant Ridge, \$2.00; Red Bank, \$0.90; Springboro, \$1.10; Springfield: Mrs. Ramsey, \$5.95; Mrs. Marshall, \$1.00; Winton Place, \$2.00; Urbana, \$0.70.

Total, \$220.30.

To Wm. Glenn Home on Building.—Cincinnati: Saint Paul, William Glenn's bequest, \$1,000.00; interest on the same, \$133.33; Omer T. Glenn, \$400.00; Mrs. E. Glenn Dymond, \$200.00. Total, \$1,733.33.

On Building.—"Bee Hive Money" and Entertainment: Avondale, \$32.00; Cincinnati: Asbury, \$6.20; Christie, \$45.75; Mount Auburn, \$33.00; St. Paul, \$68.62; Trinity, \$30.50; Walnut Hills, \$100.10; Circle, \$100.00; Carthage, \$29.02; Delhi, \$45.00; Dayton: Grace, \$58.15; Raper, \$30.00; Donnelsville, \$10.80; Lebanon, \$10.00; Mechanicsburg, \$10.00; Mount Lookout, \$25.00; Morrow, \$5.42; Madisonville, Junior League, \$1.70; Milford, Mrs. Gatch, \$0.90; Piqua: Grace, \$12.00; Greene Street, \$12.90; Pleasant Ridge, \$25.02; Red Bank, \$6.50; Urbana: First Church, \$30.91; Grace, \$31.05; Miss Deakin, \$1.00; a friend, \$1.20. Total, \$762.74.

To Building Fund from Auxiliaries.—Avondale, \$20.00; Cincinnati, Trinity, \$17.47; Dayton, Grace, Gaddis Band, \$55.00; Greenfield, \$25.00; Mechanicsburg, \$1.25; Oxford, \$20.00; Winton Place, \$12.00; Proceeds of Entertainment, \$565.97. Total, \$716.67.

Glenn Home on Furnishing.—Avondale, \$17.25; Brookville, \$2.00; Cincinnati: St. Paul, \$3.00; Walnut Hills, \$47.35; York Street, \$38.65; Dayton: Raper Chapel, \$60.00; Hartwell, \$30.00; Lebanon, \$2.00; New Moorefield, \$5.00. Total, \$205.25.

To Current Expenses, Reported to Treasurer by voucher.—Cincinnati: Avondale, \$20.00; St. Paul, \$55.00; Walnut Hills, \$65.00; By Mrs. George Thompson, Treasurer of Glenn Home, from Entertainment and gifts, \$1,617.96; Friends of the Home, \$200.00. Total, \$1,957.96.

To School of Domestic Science.—Cincinnati: St. Paul, \$250.00; Trinity, \$160.00; special donations by friends to teachers' salaries and materials, \$1,277.00. Total, \$1,687.00.

Total to Special Fund \$7,571.27.

Grand Total \$10,032.49.

Colorado Conference.

MRS. W. F. McDOWELL, Secretary.

MRS. H. C. KING, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—NORTH DENVER DISTRICT.—Boulder, \$26.75; Denver: Asbury, \$16.10; Christ Church, \$25.95; Greeley, \$3.00; Longmont, \$2.50; Wheat Ridge, \$13.25. Total, \$87.55.

SALIDA DISTRICT.—Grand Junction, \$6.50. Total, \$6.50.

SOUTH DENVER DISTRICT.—Canon City, \$4.50; Colorado Springs, \$51.10; Denver: Grace, \$25.00; Trinity, \$69.00; Pueblo, Mesa, \$18.25. Total, \$167.85.

Total to General Fund 261.90.

To Beneficiary Fund.—Canon City, \$10.00; Colorado Springs, \$1.35; Denver: Christ Church, \$10.00; Grace, Juvenile, \$7.90; Simpson, \$2.90; Conference gleanings, \$19.00. Total, \$51.15.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$51.15.

To Special Fund.—*To Albuquerque Home.*—Conference Board, \$100.00; Colorado Springs, \$25.00; Denver, Asbury, \$9.40. Total, \$134.40.

Total to Special Fund \$134.40.

Grand Total \$447.45.

Of the amount raised for General Fund, \$130.95 were disbursed in the Conference.

Columbia River Conference.

MRS. D. G. STRONG, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—COLUMBIA DISTRICT.—Spokane, Jefferson Street, \$1.00; Post Falls, \$2.00. Total, \$3.00.

SPOKANE DISTRICT.—Austin, \$4.00; Colfax, \$3.00; Deep Creek, \$1.50;

Endicott, \$2.50; Garden Springs, \$5.75; Latah, \$6.00; Moscow, \$10.15; Spokane, First Church, \$11.00; Wardner, \$3.00; C. D. Allen, \$1.55.

Total, \$48.45.

THE DALLES DISTRICT.—Fossil, \$23.20; Heppner, \$17.00.

Total, \$40.20.

WALLA WALLA DISTRICT.—Athena, \$5.00; Dixie, \$3.00; Echo, \$5.78; Milton, \$19.60; Pataha Band, \$0.50; Pomeroy, Busy Bees, \$1.85; Pendleton, \$12.50; Pilot Rock, \$4.75; Prescott, \$1.00; Ukiah, \$3.00; Valley Grove, \$2.50; Walla Walla, \$16.50.

Total, \$75.98.

OTHER SOURCES.—Unorganized charges, \$13.60; Conference collections, \$9.80.

Total, \$23.40.

Total to General Fund \$191.03.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Jesse Lee Home*.—Athena, \$3.00; Dixie, \$5.00; Echo, \$4.30; Garden Springs, \$4.35; Heppner, \$7.50; Latah, \$20.00; Milton, \$12.00; Moscow, \$2.29; Pilot Rock, \$4.25; Pendleton, \$2.60; Pataha Band, \$4.00; Pomeroy, Busy Bees, \$2.70; Prescott, \$1.25; Rockford Band, \$1.60; Spokane: First Church, \$1.00; Jefferson Street, \$5.50; Valley Grove, \$5.00; Ukiah, \$0.45; Walla Walla, \$5.75; unorganized charges, \$9.80.

Total, \$102.34.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$102.34.

To Special Fund.—*To Bohemian Work in Chicago*.—Garfield, \$2.00.

Total, \$2.00.

To Stickney Home.—Garfield, \$3.50; Heppner, \$11.75.

Total, \$15.25.

Total to Special Fund \$17.25.

Grand Total \$310.62.

Des Moines Conference.

MRS. D. AUSTIN, Secretary.

MRS. E. M. HOLMES, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BOONE DISTRICT.—Carroll, \$27.50. Total, \$27.50.

DES MOINES DISTRICT.—Des Moines, First Church, \$28.00.

Total, \$28.00.

OTHER SOURCES.—Conference offerings, \$30.75; Conference collections, \$22.50.

Total, \$53.25.

Total to General Fund \$108.75.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home*.—Keokuk, Chatham Square, Junior League, \$10.00 (to name a window); Garden Grove, \$2.00.

Total, \$12.00.

Total to Special Fund \$12.00.

Grand Total \$120.75.

Detroit Conference.

MRS. L. HOLLISTER, Secretary.

MRS. H. C. MORGAN, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Reported by Districts: Adrian, \$318.08; Bay City, \$255.40; Detroit, \$649.32; Flint, \$280.85; Lake Superior, \$56.34; Port Huron, \$44.68; Saginaw, \$236.47.

Total to General Fund through Districts . . . \$1,841.14.

To LOCAL WORK.—Disbursed in towns and cities of Detroit Conference.—Adrian District, \$21.70; Bay City, \$44.03; Detroit, \$108.57; Flint, \$80.20; Saginaw, \$361.20; Superior, \$38.00.

Total to General Fund through Conference . . . \$653.70.

To LOAN LIBRARY.—Ausable, \$2.50; Ann Arbor, Mrs. Royer, \$50.00; Detroit: Arnold, \$10.00; Cass Avenue, \$5.00; Central, \$12.00; Hudson \$2.20; Preston, \$1.00; Northville, 0.60; Pontiac, \$2.90; Plymouth, \$1.50

Flint, Court Street, \$2.00; Marquette, \$0.90; Orion, \$1.89; Sharon, \$3.00.	Total, \$95.49.
<i>To Japanese Student.</i> —Port Huron District, \$97.07.	Total, \$97.07.
Total to General Fund	\$2,687.40.
To Beneficiary Fund. — <i>To Haven Home.</i> —Detroit, Cass Avenue, \$81.00.	Total, \$81.00.
Total to Beneficiary Fund	\$81.00.
To Special Fund. — <i>To Bohemian Work in Chicago.</i> —Orion, \$5.00.	Total, \$5.00.
<i>To Ritter Home.</i> —Detroit, Mrs. Lodge, \$25.00.	Total, \$25.00.
<i>To Jesse Lee Home.</i> —Fowlerville, \$10.00; Howell, \$10.00.	Total, \$20.00.
<i>To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home.</i> —Clinton, \$4.00; Detroit, Simpson, \$10.00; Homer, \$2.00; Howell, \$1.00; Norway, \$1.00; Saginaw, \$6.00; West Bloomfield, \$10.00.	Total, \$34.00.
<i>To Mothers' Jewels Home.</i> —Ann Arbor, \$9.20; Blissfield, \$2.00; Birmingham, \$4.00; Cass City, \$10.00; Detroit: Arnold, \$20.00; Cass Avenue, \$8.50; Lincoln, \$10.00; Simpson, \$5.00; Flint Circle, \$8.27; Greenfield, \$4.00; Pontiac, \$10.00 (to name a window "Pontiac"); Stockbridge, Mrs. Louisa Soules, \$100.00 (in memoriam); Tecumseh, \$0.40; West Bloomfield, \$12.00; Ypsilanti, \$10.00; a friend, \$6.05.	Total, \$219.87.
<i>To Deaconess Work in Detroit.</i> —By Districts: Adrian, \$45.00; Detroit, \$1,866.96; Flint, \$8.51.	Total, \$1,920.47.
Total to Special Fund	\$2,224.34.
Grand Total	\$4,992.54.
\$1,877.83 disbursed in the Conference from General Fund; \$809.57 sent to general Treasurer.	
\$1,920.47 disbursed in the Detroit Home from Special Fund.	
\$81.00 Beneficiary Fund sent to Treasurer.	

East Maine Conference.

MRS. H. E. FROHOCK, Secretary. MRS. B. C. WENTWORTH, Treasurer.

To General Fund. —BANGOR DISTRICT.—Bangor, First Church, \$26.50.	Total, \$26.50.
BUCKSPORT DISTRICT.—Bucksport, \$7.00.	Total, \$7.00.
OTHER SOURCES.—Conference offerings, \$32.00; Conference Society, \$10.00.	Total, \$42.00.
Total to General Fund	\$75.50.
To Special Fund. — <i>To Immigrants' Home, East Boston.</i> —Conference Society, \$10.50.	Total, \$10.50.
To Special Fund. — <i>To Jesse Lee Home.</i> —Bucksport, \$21.00.	Total, \$21.00.
<i>To Mothers' Jewels Home.</i> —Bucksport, Louise Chase, \$2.00.	Total, \$2.00.
Total to Special Fund	\$33.50.
Grand Total	\$109.00.

East Ohio Conference.

MRS. M. C. HICKMAN, Secretary. MRS. E. K. ARTER, Treasurer.

To General Fund. —AKRON DISTRICT.—Akron: First Church, \$196.25; Second Church, \$6.00; Atwater, \$2.00; Bedford, \$17.43; Bristolville, \$17.40; Rootstown, \$7.00; Talmadge, \$2.00; Warren, \$37.50.	Total, \$285.58.
BARNESVILLE DISTRICT.—Barnesville, \$27.15; Bellaire, \$44.00; Berne, \$2.00; Warnock, \$8.00; Wesley Chapel, \$13.00; Circle, \$6.00.	Total, \$100.15.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.—Cambridge, \$33.00; Queen Esther Band, \$20.00; Dexter, \$15.25; Mount Ephraim, \$15.50; McConnellsville, \$7.80; Newport, \$5.00; Rix's Mills, \$10.12; Rural Dale, \$2.00. Total, \$108.67.

CANTON DISTRICT.—Alliance, First Church, \$22.75; Canton, First Church, \$53.99; Simpson, \$14.50; Hanoverton, \$1.00; Massillon, \$16.00; New Garden, \$3.00; Salem, \$18.00. Total, \$129.24.

CLEVELAND DISTRICT.—Cleveland: Asbury, \$15.00; Epworth Memorial, \$32.75; Euclid Avenue, \$44.55; Fairmount, \$15.95; First Church, \$40.35; Miles Park, \$23.00; Scovill Avenue, \$28.80; Superior Street, \$16.50; Woodland Avenue, \$7.50; Union meeting, \$10.16; Geneva: First Church, \$24.25; Second Church, \$8.00; Glenville, \$10.00; Mayfield, \$5.00; Mentor, \$8.46; North Madison, \$15.00; Painesville, \$20.95; Lake Erie Seminary, \$14.25; Perry, \$15.75; Saybrook, \$5.00. Total, \$361.22.

NEW PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Coshocton, \$46.50; New Philadelphia, \$5.00; Plainfield, \$1.00; Uhrichsville, \$23.00. Total, \$75.50.

STEUBENVILLE DISTRICT.—Irondale, \$5.00; Martin's Ferry, \$17.00; Circle, \$11.50; Mingo, \$19.00; Steubenville: Finley Band, \$8.00; First Church, \$7.00; Junior League, \$10.00; Band, \$6.00; Hamline, \$22.50. Total, \$106.00.

YOUNGSTOWN DISTRICT.—Ashtabula Harbor, \$10.50; Conneaut, \$8.00; Cortland, \$18.00; Dorset, \$21.50; Green, \$6.00; Greensburg, \$15.00; Gresham, \$2.00; Hartford, \$10.55; Hubbard, \$6.54; Jefferson, \$15.00; Kingsville, \$12.00; Mesopotamia, \$7.00; Orangeville, \$18.50; West Mecca, \$6.00; Windsor, \$11.75; Williamsfield, \$17.15; Spokane, \$4.00. Total, \$189.49.

Total to General Fund \$1,355.85.

To Special Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Akron, First Church, \$35.00; Alliance, First Church, \$10.00; Barnesville, \$11.66; Cambridge, \$43.30; Canton, First Church, \$17.60; Cleveland, Kingsley Mission, \$40.00; Geneva, Mrs. Swan, \$100.00. Total, \$257.56.

To Jesse Lee Home.—Akron, First Church, \$25.00; Mayfield, \$2.50; Perry, \$2.00; Wellsville, \$7.50. Total, \$37.00.

To King Home.—Akron, First Church, \$25.00; Alliance, First Church, \$10.00; Bellaire, \$14.33; Cleveland, Scovill Avenue, \$5.00; Cambridge, Queen Esther Circle, \$15.58; Greensburg, \$5.00; Macksburg, \$2.00; Mount Ephraim, \$2.50; Salem, \$18.04; Uhrichsville, \$10.00; Warren, \$10.00. Total, \$117.45.

To Peck Home.—Akron, First Church, \$8.50; Mesopotamia, \$65.00. Total, \$73.50.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home.—Cortland, \$2.00. Total, \$2.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Akron: First Church, \$11.75; Grace, \$10.00; Alliance, Main Street, \$2.00; Cambridge, \$5.15; Cortland, \$2.20; Cleveland: First Church, \$100.00 (to name a room, *in memoriam* "Calvin Kingsley Arter"); Epworth Memorial, \$0.70; Scovill Avenue, \$1.00; Dorset, \$1.00; Glenville, \$1.00; (*in memoriam*) Gnadenhutten, \$4.00; Greensburg, \$2.00; Mesopotamia, \$10.00; Sarahsville, \$2.00; Uhrichsville, \$70.00; Williamsport, \$6.00. Total, \$228.80.

Total to Special Fund \$716.31.

Grand Total \$2,072.16.

East Tennessee Conference.

MRS. CORA PROVINE, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—**BRISTOL DISTRICT.**—Bull's Gap, \$3.00; Hutchinson Chapel, \$3.85; Warrensburg, \$3.85. Total, \$10.70.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.—Boyd's Chapel, \$1.25; Knoxville: Mabry Street, \$7.20; Circle, \$2.00; Band, \$3.00; Morristown, \$7.68; Band, \$3.00. Total, \$24.13.

Total to General Fund \$34.83.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Morristown.*—Contingent Fund, donated by Mrs. Provine, \$6.00. Total, \$6.00.
 Total to Beneficiary Fund \$6.00.
 Grand Total \$40.83.

Erie Conference.

MISS ANNIE M. CUMMINGS, Secretary. MRS. F. H. BECK, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CLARION DISTRICT.—Brockwayville, \$11.56; Brookville, \$36.35; Band, \$4.25; Clarion, \$20.75; Band, \$5.90; Cranberry, \$1.00; East Brady, \$8.80; Edenberg, \$14.50; Emerickville, \$7.30; Reynolds-ville, \$25.25; Ridgway, \$7.00; New Bethlehem, \$2.00; Putneyville, \$1.00; Rockland, \$2.00; West Freedom, \$3.35; Circle, \$4.00. Total, \$155.01.

ERIE DISTRICT.—Brocton, \$11.75; Chautauqua, \$11.25; East Spring- field, \$8.50; Erie, First Church, \$60.00; Forestville, \$8.00; Fredonia, \$43.00; Circle, \$10.50; Mayville, \$8.75; Miles Grove, \$7.92; North East, \$63.50; Portland, \$15.00; Ripley, \$11.50; Silver Creek, \$26.70; Waterford, \$13.50; Westfield, \$34.00; Lockport, \$2.00; McKean, \$2.00. Total, \$337.87.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.—Chicora, (formerly Millerstown), \$12.25; Franklin, \$38.00; Oil City: Grace, \$28.25; Trinity, \$66.75; Plumer, \$2.00; Petrolia and Bruin, \$4.00; Reno, \$3.25; Tidioute, \$21.75; Band, \$3.30; Tionesta, \$50.00; Titusville, \$23.75. Total, \$256.30.

JAMESTOWN DISTRICT.—Cattaraugus, \$9.00; Irvine, \$5.50; Jamestown, \$74.75; Circle, \$33.30; Kane, \$12.10; Little Valley, \$7.50; Panama, \$10.00. Sinclairville, \$1.00; Sheffield Circle, \$4.00; Sherman, \$11.00; Spring Creek, \$1.00; Warren, Pa., \$28.12. Total, \$197.27.

MEADVILLE DISTRICT.—Cambridge, \$22.00; Center Chapel, \$17.65; Conneautville, \$12.00; Cooperstown, \$8.00; Espyville, \$14.00; Greenville, \$27.50; Linesville, \$10.00; Meadville, \$17.30; Mill Village, \$6.50; Union City, Boys' Band, \$2.25; Woodcock, \$14.75. Total, \$151.95.

NEW CASTLE DISTRICT.—Balm, \$7.00; Fredonia, Pa., \$10.00; Grove City, \$5.00; Henderson, \$1.50; New Castle: Epworth, \$5.70; New Castle, First Church, \$31.35; Petersburg, \$1.00; Sandy Lake, \$5.00; Stoneboro, \$2.00; Sheakleyville, \$5.00; West Middlesex, \$1.00. Total, \$74.55.

Total to General Fund \$1,169.95.

To Beneficiary Fund.—Greenville, \$25.00. Total, \$25.00.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$25.00.

To Special Fund.—*To Pawnee.*—Union City, Boys' Band, \$15.00.

Total, \$15.00.

To Pawhuska.—Oil City, Grace, \$8.00; Tionesta, \$3.00; New Castle, Epworth, \$3.30. Total, \$14.32.

To Alaska.—Chicora, \$32.12; Reno, \$0.30. Total, \$32.42.

To Bohemian Work.—Oil City, Grace, \$5.00; Lundy's Lane, \$0.70. Total, \$5.70.

To Asheville.—Meadville, First Church, \$19.00. Total, \$19.00.

To King Home.—Brookville, \$5.00; Band, \$1.00; Clarion, \$5.00; Emerickville, \$1.67; Reynoldsville, \$2.00; West Freedom, \$1.00; Brocton, \$2.33; Chautauqua, \$0.50; Erie, First Church, \$5.00; East Springfield, \$1.66; Forestville, \$1.67; Fredonia, N. Y., Circle, \$2.33; Mayville, \$5.00; Miles Grove, \$0.50; North East, \$2.34; Ripley, \$2.17; Silver Creek, \$1.17; Waterford, \$1.16; Franklin, \$3.50; Oil City, Grace, \$2.00; Trinity, \$2.50; Tidioute, \$2.00; Tionesta, \$2.00; Cattaraugus, \$1.67; Jamestown, N. Y., \$4.00; Circle, \$2.00; Panama, \$2.00; Sherman, \$1.50; Warren, Pa., \$7.00; Cambridge, \$1.25; Center Chapel, \$1.00; Conneautville, \$2.50; Espyville, \$1.25; Greenville, \$6.00; Meadville, \$7.33; Mill Village, \$1.67; Woodcock, \$1.67; Fredonia, Pa., \$2.00; Mahoningtown, \$2.00; New Castle, First Church, \$3.00. Total, \$100.42.

To Ritter Home.—Brockwayville, \$1.00; Brookville, \$5.00; Band, \$1.00; Clarion, \$5.00; Emerickville, \$1.66; Reynoldsville, \$2.00; West Freedom, \$1.00; Brockton, \$2.33; Chautauqua, \$0.50; Erie, First Church, \$5.00; East Springfield, \$1.67; Forestville, \$0.66; Fredonia, N. Y., Circle, \$2.34; Miles Grove, \$0.50; North East, \$2.33; Ripley, \$2.16; Silver Creek, \$1.16; Waterford, \$1.17; Franklin, \$3.50; Oil City, Grace, \$2.00; Oil City, Trinity, \$2.00; Tidioute, \$2.00; Tionesta, \$2.00; Cattaraugus, \$1.66; Jamestown, N. Y., \$14.00; Circle, \$2.00; Panama, \$2.00; Sherman, \$1.50; Warren, Pa., \$6.00; Cambridge, \$1.25; Center Chapel, \$1.00; Conneautville, \$2.50; Espyville, \$1.25; Greenville, \$5.00; Meadville, \$7.33; Mill Village, \$1.66; Woodcock, \$1.66; Fredonia, Pa., \$2.00; New Castle, First Church, \$2.00.

Total, \$100.89.

To Haven Mission, Speedwell.—Cattaraugus, \$9.73; Mayville, \$5.50.

Total, \$15.23.

To Deaconess Work.—Franklin, \$0.30; Oil City, Trinity, \$0.40; Tidioute, \$0.20.

Total, \$0.90.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home.—Brookville, \$5.00; Band, \$1.00; Clarion, \$5.00; Emerickville, \$1.67; Reynoldsville, \$2.00; West Freedom, \$1.00; Brockton, \$2.34; Chautauqua, \$0.50; Barber Fund, \$9.00; Erie, First Church, \$5.00; East Springfield, \$1.67; Forestville, \$0.67; Fredonia, N. Y., Circle, \$2.33; Mayville, \$4.00; Miles Grove, \$0.50; North East, \$2.33; Ripley, \$2.17; Franklin, \$4.50; Oil City, Grace, \$5.00; Oil City, Trinity, \$2.50; Tidioute, \$2.00; Tionesta, \$6.00; Cattaraugus, \$1.67; Jamestown, N. Y., \$4.00; Circle, \$2.00; Panama, \$2.00; Sherman, \$2.00; Warren, Pa., \$5.00; Cambridge, \$1.25; Center Chapel, \$1.00; Conneautville, \$2.50; Espyville, \$1.25; Meadville, \$7.34; Mill Village, \$1.67; Woodcock, \$1.67; Fredonia, Pa., \$2.00; Sherrett and Queenstown, \$2.00.

Total, \$103.53.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Brookville, \$2.20; Chautauqua, \$0.60; Erie, First Church, \$6.00; Franklin, \$4.00; Fredonia, \$10.00; Greenville, \$2.00; Jamestown, \$2.00; Lundy's Lane, Pageville class, \$1.92; Band, \$3.78; Ridgeway, \$44.00; Ripley, \$0.30; Reno, \$2.48; Titusville, \$7.00; Union City, \$25.00 (to name a bed "Ethel and Paul Rockwell"); Warren, \$17.50.

Total, \$128.78.

Total to Special Fund \$536.17.
Grand Total \$1,731.12.

Florida Conference.

MRS. D. I. GRANT, Secretary.

MRS. A. R. JONES, Treasurer.

To Special Fund.—*To Emerson Home.*—GAINESVILLE DISTRICT.—Gainesville, \$9.00; Waldo, \$7.50.

Total, \$16.50.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.—Fernandino, \$2.50; Jacksonville, Boylan Home, \$100.00; Ebenezer, \$31.23; Band, \$31.50; Simpson, \$2.00; Oakland, \$3.00; Saint Augustine, \$57.50.

Total, \$227.73.

PALATKA DISTRICT.—*To Emerson Home.*—Ocala, \$85.00; Palatka, \$7.50; Santas, \$0.50.

Total, \$93.00.

OTHER SOURCES.—Florida preachers, \$25.00; Friends of Mrs. Whetstone, \$23.50; Ocala School, \$7.00; Festival, \$40.76; Entertainment, \$35.00; By Miss Emerson, from Epworth League, Penacook, N. H., special donation, \$25.00; *For Piano.*—Entertainment by guests at Dr. Strong's Sanitarium, \$14.60; Miss Cozine, \$5.00; Miss Ellis, \$2.75; Sarah M. Morse, \$5.00.

Total, \$183.61.

To Boylan Home.—*For Piano.*—Miss H. E. Emerson, \$50.00; From Boylan Home School, \$145.00.

Total, \$195.00.

To Boylan Home.—*Emerson Chapel.*—By teachers, pupils and friends of Boylan Home, \$558.00.

Total, \$558.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Mrs. S. B. Darnell, \$4.00.

Total, \$4.00.

Grand Total \$1,277.84.

Genesee Conference.

MRS. E. B. GREEN, Secretary.

MRS. E. OCUMPAUGH, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BUFFALO DISTRICT.—Buffalo: Asbury, \$37.75; Blanche Hurst Band, \$11.50; Delaware Avenue, \$137.65; Eagle Street, \$4.12; Glenwood, \$24.82; Plymouth, \$38.75; Golden Links, \$8.25; Band, \$0.75; Richmond Avenue, \$50.75; Band, \$0.25; Queen Esther Circle, \$4.50; Riverside, \$28.00; Saint Marks, \$7.51; Seneca Street, \$13.92; Tonawanda, \$36.88. Total, \$405.40.

CORNING DISTRICT.—Addison, \$8.25; Canisteo, \$23.00; Corning, \$23.00; Hornersville, \$89.00. Total, \$143.25.

GENESEE DISTRICT.—Batavia, \$69.00; Danville, \$23.41; Gainesville, \$15.25; Leroy, \$29.05; Circle, \$7.50; Warsaw, \$3.00. Total, \$147.21.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.—Albion, \$39.00; Holley, \$10.00; Lockport, \$14.90; Lyndonville, \$13.00. Total, \$76.90.

OLEAN DISTRICT.—Angelica, \$2.00; Boliver, \$5.00; Bradford, \$29.75; Olean, \$24.50; Circle, \$26.81; Portville, \$12.00; King's Daughters, \$5.00. Total, \$105.06.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.—Hemlock Lake, \$1.00; Honeoye Falls, \$20.75; Livonia, \$13.25; Pittsford, \$10.00; Glenwood, \$45.36; Rochester: Alexander Street, \$27.00; Asbury, \$91.00; Cornhill, \$61.50; Circle, \$3.10; Epworth, \$29.65; Band, \$0.90; First Church, \$65.05; Frank Street, \$38.75; Band, \$3.53; North Avenue, \$19.00; Walworth, \$23.60. Total, \$453.44.

OTHER SOURCES.—Received at Conference, without special credits, \$22.00. Total, \$22.00.

Total to General Fund \$1,353.26.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Haven Home.*—Buffalo, Delaware Avenue, \$60.00. Total, \$60.00.

To Ritter Home.—Buffalo, Delaware Avenue, \$80.00. Total, \$80.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Canisteo, \$50.00. Total, \$50.00.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$190.00.

To Special Fund.—*To Castle Garden.*—Buffalo, Eagle Street, \$10.62. Total, \$10.62.

To Ritter Home.—Buffalo, Delaware Avenue, \$100.00; Plymouth, "Golden Links," \$65.00. Total, \$165.00.

To Asheville.—Corning, \$10.00. Total, \$10.00.

To Peck Home.—Buffalo, Asbury, Blanche Hurst Band, \$5.00. Total, \$5.00.

To E. L. Rust Home.—Buffalo, Delaware Avenue, \$100.00. Total, \$100.00.

To Jesse Lee Home.—Buffalo: Asbury, Blanche Hurst Band, \$10.00 (to name a room "Amanda Chambers Minard"); Rochester, First Church, \$100.00 (to name a room "Spencer Ripley"). Total, \$110.00.

To Stickney Home.—Portville, "King's Daughters," \$5.00. Total, \$5.00.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home.—Albion, \$10.00 (to Whittier room); Buffalo, Richmond Avenue, \$92.00 (to name a room "Queen Esther Circle"); Glenwood, \$2.00; Hornersville, \$15.00; Mrs. Cooper, \$2.00.

To J. E. White Room.—Buffalo: Asbury, \$20.00; Delaware Avenue, \$5.00; Richmond Avenue, \$5.00; Glenwood, \$7.00; Batavia, \$5.00; Dansville, \$21.00; Geneseo, \$23.00; Hornersville, \$10.00; Honeoye Falls, \$5.00; Livonia, \$1.00; Lima, \$2.00; Rochester: Asbury, \$10.00; Hedding, \$1.00. Total, \$236.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Albion, \$13.37; Buffalo: Delaware Avenue, \$3.40; Plymouth, \$11.56; Blanche Hurst Circle, \$10.00 (to name a room "Blanche Hurst Circle"); Richmond Avenue, \$18.25; St. Marks,

\$8.00; Cornhill, \$1.05; Lima, \$0.30; Gainesville, \$2.40; Rochester: Alexander Street, \$15.30; Asbury, King's Messengers, \$25.00; Epworth, \$0.90; Frank Street, \$4.00; North Avenue, \$16.00; Fowlerville, \$2.40; Perry, \$3.50; Victor, \$4.00; Warsaw, \$15.00; Mrs. West, \$3.00; Mrs. Strowbridge, \$2.00. Total, \$159.43.

To Buffalo Deaconess Home.—Moneys received by Conference Treasurer, and reported to General Treasurer.—Albion, \$1.00; Batavia, \$1.00; Bradford, \$1.00; Buffalo: Asbury, \$98.25; Blanche Hurst Circle, \$19.00; Delaware Avenue, \$182.00; Eagle Street, \$13.00; Glenwood, \$20.00; Plymouth Church, \$85.00; Richmond Avenue, \$57.14; Corning, \$0.50; Dansville, \$1.00; Holley, \$1.00; Hornersville, \$1.00; Livonia, \$0.50; Olean Circle, \$0.50; Rochester: Asbury, \$1.00; Cornhill, \$1.00; Epworth, \$0.50; First Church, \$1.00; Riverside, \$6.00. Disbursed through Conference Treasurer. Total, \$491.89.

By Churches of Buffalo, without special credits, \$532.28. Disbursed through Treasurer of Deaconess Home. Total, \$532.28.

Total to Buffalo Deaconess Home. \$1,024.17.

To the Deaconess at Work, as reported by Mrs. Minard.—Albion, \$1.00; Batavia, \$1.00; Bradford, \$1.00; Buffalo: Asbury, \$15.00; Blanche Hurst Circle, \$1.00; Delaware Avenue, \$2.00; Richmond Avenue, \$2.14; Corning, \$0.50; Dansville, \$1.00; Hornersville, \$1.00; Holley, \$1.00; Lima, \$0.50; Olean, \$0.50; Rochester: Asbury, \$1.00; Cornhill, \$1.00; Epworth, \$0.50; First Church, \$1.00. Total, \$31.14.

Total to Special Fund \$1,856.26.

Grand Total \$3,399.52.

Holston Conference.

MRS. L. E. PRENTISS, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.—Chattanooga, First Church, \$12.00; Elm Grove, \$6.50; Knoxville, First Church, \$31.75; Circle, \$13.00. Total, \$63.25.

Total to General Fund. \$63.25.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Knoxville, First Church Circle, \$44.55. Total, \$44.55.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$44.55.

To Special Fund.—*To Ritter Home.*—Holston Conference, without special credits, \$39.75. Total, \$39.75.

To Emerson Home.—Knoxville, Miss Levering's collection, \$5.00. Total, \$5.00.

Total to Special Fund \$44.75.

Grand Total \$152.55.

Illinois Conference.

MRS. B. S. POTTER, Secretary.

MRS. H. M. NEWTON, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BLOOMINGTON DISTRICT.—Bloomington: First Church, \$76.37; Grace, \$25.00; Heyworth, \$8.25; Leroy, \$16.70.

Total, \$126.32.

CHAMPAIGN DISTRICT.—Champaign, \$20.63; Savoy, \$14.75; Saybrook, \$21.25; Urbana, \$7.75; Wesley Chapel, \$9.00. Total, \$73.38.

DECATUR DISTRICT.—Decatur, First Church, \$21.00; Lincoln, \$10.50. Total, \$31.50.

JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.—Appolonia, \$10.00; Ashland, \$65.00; Franklin, Providence, \$7.50; Jacksonville: Centenary, \$19.07; Grace, \$58.85 (\$46.20 to be applied on Conference pledges); Earnest Helpers, \$42.10.

Total, \$248.72

MATTOON DISTRICT.—Paris, \$8.75; Windsor, \$8.00.	Total, \$16.75.
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—Springfield, \$47.00.	Total, \$47.00.
WEST JACKSONVILLE DISTRICT.—Pittsfield, \$6.25.	Total, \$6.25.
OTHER SOURCES.—Conference gatherings, \$25.00; Contingent Fund, \$31.89.	Total, \$56.89.

Total to General Fund \$606.81.

To Beneficiary Fund. — <i>To Simpson Home.</i> —Bloomington, Grace Church, \$38.37.	Total, \$38.37.
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Total to Beneficiary Fund \$38.37.

To Special Fund. — <i>To Castle Garden, N. Y.</i> —Appolonia, \$10.00; Bloomington: First Church, \$10.00; Grace, \$7.00; Decatur, \$20.00; Franklin, Providence, \$3.00; Jacksonville: Centenary, \$3.80; Lincoln, \$5.00; North Arm, \$2.55; Savoy, \$5.25.	Total, \$66.60.
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<i>To Jesse Lee Home.</i> —Appolonia, \$10.00; Bloomington: First Church, \$10.00; Grace, \$3.00; Champaign, \$5.00; Decatur, \$10.00; Franklin Providence, \$3.00; Lincoln, \$5.00; North Arm, \$2.00; Savoy, \$4.00.	Total, \$52.00.
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<i>To Bohemian Work in Chicago.</i> —Ashland, \$5.00; Bloomington: First Church, \$20.00; Carlinville, \$5.00; Champaign, \$5.00; Franklin, Providence, \$3.00; North Arm, \$1.10; Saybrook, \$1.00.	Total, \$40.10.
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<i>To East Boston Immigrants' Home.</i> —Bloomington, First Church, \$5.00.	Total, \$5.00.
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<i>To King Home.</i> —Bloomington: First Church, \$5.00; Grace, \$3.00; Lincoln, \$5.00; North Arm, \$0.55.	Total, \$13.55.
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<i>To Ritter Home.</i> —Bloomington, First Church, \$10.00; Champaign, \$6.00; Decatur, \$10.00; Franklin, Providence, \$3.00; North Arm, \$2.00; Savoy, \$2.85.	Total, \$33.85.
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<i>To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Fund.</i> —Bloomington: First Church, \$21.50; Grace, \$20.00; Carlinville, \$4.00; Franklin, Providence, \$3.00; North Arm, \$2.00; Pana, \$10.00.	Total, \$60.50.
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<i>To Mothers' Jewels Home.</i> —Jacksonville, Grace, \$1.60.	Total, \$1.60.
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Total to Special Fund \$273.20.

Grand Total \$918.38.

Indiana Conference.

MRS. W. B. CLARKE, Secretary.

MRS. LOWE CAREY, Treasurer.

To General Fund. —INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT.—Brooklyn, \$4.90; Indianapolis: Blackford Street, \$3.00; California Street, \$7.00; Mooresville, \$15.25.	Total, \$30.15.
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VINCENNES DISTRICT.—Decker, \$6.45.	Total, \$6.45.
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Total to General Fund \$36.60.

To Beneficiary Fund. — <i>To Ritter Home.</i> —Danville, \$10.00; Mooresville, \$25.00; Circle, \$25.00.	Total, \$60.00.
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To Special Fund. — <i>To Emerson Home.</i> —Indianapolis, Meridian Street, \$30.00.	Total, \$30.00.
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<i>To Mothers' Jewels Home.</i> —Evansville, \$2.00; Irvington Band, \$1.60.	Total, \$3.60.
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Total to Special Fund \$33.60.

Grand Total \$130.20.

Iowa Conference.

MRS. W. F. COWLES, Secretary.

MRS. M. F. HAYNES, Treasurer.

To General Fund. —BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—Burlington: First Church, \$6.00; Grace, \$4.75; Mt. Pleasant, \$10.67.	Total, \$21.42.
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MUSCATINE DISTRICT.—Lettsville, \$6.00; Muscatine, First Church, \$42.00; Young Ladies' Society, \$4.65. Total, \$52.65.

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.—Oskaloosa, Simpson Church, \$14.25. Total, \$14.25.

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.—Albia, \$12.62; Knoxville, \$32.07; Ottumwa: First Church, \$35.75; Main Street, \$3.00; collection, \$4.25; South Ottumwa, \$5.00. Total, \$92.69.

OTHER SOURCES.—Without special credits, \$140.45; Conference offerings, \$31.44. Total, \$171.89.

Total to General Fund \$352.90.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home.*—Burlington, Grace, \$5.50; Mediapolis, \$3.00; Muscatine, \$10.00. Total, \$18.50.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$18.50.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home.*—Coneville, \$1.25; Burlington: First Church, \$0.50; Grace, \$2.00; Knoxville, \$22.25; Morning Sun, \$2.00; without a special credit, \$0.90. Total, \$28.90.

Total to Special Fund \$28.90.

Grand Total \$400.30.

Kansas Conference.

MRS. H. B. MCBRIDE, Secretary.

MRS. ELLA J. FISK, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—ATCHISON DISTRICT.—Atchison, \$27.50; Harmony, \$12.50; Seneca, \$0.50; Circle, \$8.50; Wetmore, \$24.50. Total, \$73.50.

JUNCTION CITY DISTRICT.—Washington, \$0.75. Total, \$0.75.

MANHATTAN DISTRICT.—Buck's Grove, \$23.00; Centralia, \$10.25; Band, \$2.05; Havensville, \$16.00; Guch's Grove, \$10.75; Manhattan, \$10.75. Total, \$72.80.

TOPEKA DISTRICT.—Baldwin, \$23.75; Burlingame, \$3.50; Meriden, \$1.00; Topeka: First Church, \$2.50; Jefferson Street, \$7.25; North Topeka, \$3.00. Total, \$41.00.

Total to General Fund \$188.05.

To Special Fund.—*To Albuquerque, N. M.*—Topeka, Jefferson Street, \$12.91. Total, \$12.91.

To Castle Garden.—Atchison, \$5.00. Total, \$5.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Atchison, \$10.00; Baldwin, \$6.33; Mrs. N. W. Gill, \$100.00 (to name a room, "Warren Webb Gill"); Junction City, \$3.00; North Topeka, five little girls, \$10.00 (to name a window "North Topeka"); Manhattan, \$5.00; Seneca Circle, \$0.40. Total, \$134.73.

Total to Special Fund \$152.64.

Grand Total \$340.69.

Kentucky Conference.

To General Fund.—Through Cranston and Stowe, \$27.00.

Total, \$27.00.
Total to General Fund \$27.00.

To Special Fund.—*To Haven Mission. Speedwell.*—Louisville, Mrs. Fanny Speed, \$100.00; a friend, \$1.00. Total, \$101.00.

To Jesse Lee Home.—Louisville, Miss Cook, \$4.00.

Total to Special Fund \$105.00.

Grand Total \$132.00.

Lexington Conference.

MRS. DAVID C. FROST, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Through Cranston and Stowe, \$23.00; by Mrs. Frost, without special credit, \$76.15. Total, \$99.15.

Total to General Fund \$99.15.

To frontier work in Kentucky, \$58.75.

Little Rock Conference.

MRS. L. J. JOHNSON, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—Little Rock: Wesley Chapel, \$12.40; Adeline Smith Home, \$2.95; Marcha, \$3.85; Van Buren, Mount Olive, \$12.70; Brinkley, \$3.50; Cotton Plant, \$1.50; Sweet Home, \$0.50. Total, \$37.40.

Total to General Fund \$37.40.

Louisiana Conference.

MRS. SADIE E. JOHNSON, Secretary. MRS. A. L. ROSEMOND, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—New Orleans; William Street, \$5.00.

Total, \$5.00.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home.*—Miss A. E. Page and friends, \$12.05 (to name a window in memoriam). Total, \$12.05.

Grand Total \$17.05.

Maine Conference.

MRS. E. O. THAYER, Secretary.

MRS. I. LUCE, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—AUGUSTA DISTRICT.—Augusta, \$6.55; Hallowell, \$7.50; Kent's Hill, \$25.80; Livermore Falls, \$6.00; Skowhegan, \$9.50; Wilton, \$18.60; Winthrop, Mrs. Allen, \$6.00; Mrs. Ladd, \$1.00. Total, \$80.95.

LEWISTON DISTRICT.—Bath, Wesley, \$25.95; Lewiston: Hammond Street, \$5.25; Park Street, \$13.00; Mechanic Falls, \$5.25; Poland Camp, \$3.00; Miss Anna Whitmore, \$20.00. Total, \$72.45.

PORTLAND DISTRICT.—Biddeford, Foss Street, \$7.00; Gorham, School Street, \$3.00; Kennebunk, \$3.00; Portland: Chestnut Street, \$72.75; Pine Street, \$15.00; Saco, \$22.00; a friend, \$20.00; South Portland, \$19.00; West Scarborough, \$14.00; Woodford's, \$18.00. Total, \$193.75.

OTHER SOURCES.—Through Charles Magee 157.00. Total, \$157.00.

Total to General Fund \$504.15.

To Special Fund.—*To Utah.*—Portland, Chestnut Street; Young Ladies' Society, \$50.00. Total, \$50.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Conway, \$4.30; Portland: Congress Street, \$19.23; Chestnut Street, \$2.00; Saco, \$4.00; Rumford Centre, \$4.00. Total, \$33.53.

To East Boston Immigrants' Home.—Hallowell, \$4.00; Kennebunk, \$7.25; Lewiston, Hammond Street, \$5.00; Park Street, \$9.00; Mussulman, \$5.75; Portland, Chestnut Street, \$20.00; Skowhegan, \$12.00; Saco, \$50.00; Scarborough, \$1.00; Anna P. and Philena Whitmore, \$10.00; Mrs. Luce, 1.00; without special credit, \$3.00. Total, \$128.00.

Total to Special Fund \$211.53.

Grand Total \$715.68.

Michigan Conference.

MRS. J. MASTER, Secretary.

MRS. J. G. PLOWMAN, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—ALBION DISTRICT.—Albion, \$165.10; Battle Creek, \$28.30; Bellevue, 58.65; Concord, \$13.00; Horner, \$4.65; Jackson, \$41.75; Leroy, \$6.50; Leslie, \$5.00; West Echford, \$3.29; camp meeting, \$10.00. Total, \$336.24.

BIG RAPIDS DISTRICT.—Manistee, \$21.25. Total, \$21.25.

COLDWATER DISTRICT.—Coldwater, \$22.65; Girard, \$3.00; Quincy, \$9.07; Union City, \$6.00; White Pigeon, \$20.30; Wheatland, \$0.40. Total, \$61.42.

GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT.—Ada, \$3.49; Cedar Springs, \$4.14; Grand Rapids: Division Street, \$32.00; East Street, \$8.00; Joy Memorial, \$2.50;

Plainfield Avenue, \$7.25; Second Street, \$40.35; Hastings, \$35.40; Muskegon, \$1.50; Rockford, \$7.45. Total, \$142.08.

IONIA DISTRICT.—Belding, \$18.70; Carson City, \$15.50; Fenwick, \$3.25; Fair Plains, \$29.00; Greenville, \$15.50; Ionia, \$41.86; Lowell, \$12.25; Orange, \$14.65; Portland, \$32.15; Circle, \$8.07. Total, \$190.93.

KALAMAZOO DISTRICT.—Kalamazoo: First Church, \$123.20; Simpson, \$1.75; Otsego, \$14.25; Plainville, \$48.30; Three Rivers, \$16.91; Trowbridge, \$27.15. Total, \$231.56.

LANSING DISTRICT.—Alma, \$8.00; East Victor, \$13.00; Kalamao, \$7.71; Lansing, \$25.00; Mason, \$18.87; Ovid, \$30.25; Saint John, \$28.25. Total, \$131.08.

NILES DISTRICT.—Benton Harbor, \$33.63; Coulter Chapel, \$24.22; Crystal Springs, \$20.90; Decatur, \$1.50; Morris Chapel, \$32.95; Niles, \$14.45; Three Oaks, \$11.02. Total, \$138.67.

OTHER SOURCES.—Mrs. Judd's Bequest, 400.00; Conference collections, \$37.00; Bay View Assembly, \$10.80; Annual Meeting collection, \$5.59; Mrs. Springer, \$0.50. Total, \$453.89.

Total to General Fund \$1,697.12.

Treasurer received \$409.00; \$1,288.12 disbursed in the Conference.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home*.—Big Rapids, \$2.50; Coulter Chapel, \$6.70; Lansing, \$38.00; Orange, \$2.00; Plainville, \$12.70; Portland, \$2.60; St. John's, \$8.00. Total, \$72.50.

To Aldrich Home Deaconess Work.—Special credits as reported by Mr. Geo. Y. Whitworth, Treasurer of "Aldrich Home." Albion, \$20.00; Big Rapids, \$5.00; Grand Rapids, Division Street, \$15.00; Muskegon, \$11.00; Plainville, \$3.75; Trowbridge, \$11.65; without special credits, \$2,339.50. Total, \$2,405.90.

Total to Special Fund \$2,478.40.

Grand Total \$4,175.52.

Minnesota Conference.

MRS. S. B. WARNER, Secretary.

MRS. J. STAFFORD, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—MINNEAPOLIS DISTRICT.—First Church, \$3.50; Franklin Avenue, \$81.63; Hennepin Avenue, \$31.61; Lake Street, \$11.25; Simpson, \$20.00; Young Ladies' Society, \$14.25; Emma Bean Band, \$6.50; Taylor Street, \$18.00; Thirteenth Avenue, \$24.00; Twenty-Fourth Street, \$1.71; Union League, \$3.08. Total, \$215.33.

SAINT PAUL DISTRICT.—Saint Paul: First Church, \$3.00; Hamline, \$17.25; Oxford, \$22.50. Total, \$42.75.

Total to General Fund \$258.08.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Jesse Lee Home*.—Minneapolis, Franklin Avenue, \$50.00. Total, \$50.00.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$50.00.

To Special Fund.—*To Bohemian Work in Chicago*.—Minneapolis, Simpson, \$5.00. Total, \$5.00.

To Haven Mission, Speedwell, \$10.00. Total, \$10.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Minneapolis: Franklin Avenue, \$2.00; Lake Street, \$4.00; Simpson, Emma Bean Band, \$2.00; Taylor Street, \$1.00; Otsego, \$1.00. Total, \$10.00.

Total to Special Fund \$25.00.

Grand Total \$333.08.

Missouri Conference.

MRS. E. S. JANES, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—HAMILTON DISTRICT.—Laclede, \$3.00; Moberly, \$7.50. Total, \$10.50.

KIRKSVILLE DISTRICT.—Kirksville, \$7.50. Total, \$7.50.

MARYVILLE DISTRICT.—Maryville, \$4.50; Band, \$0.15; Stanberry, \$13.00. Total, \$17.65.

ST. JOSEPH'S DISTRICT.—Cameron, \$4.50; Fairport Circuit, \$1.00. Total, \$5.50.

Total to General Fund \$41.15.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home*.—Cameron, \$2.00; Maryville, \$14.19. Total, \$16.19.

Total to Special Fund \$16.19.

Grand Total \$57.34.

Nebraska Conference.

MRS. S. E. MILLER, Secretary. MRS. N. D. EASTERBROOK, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BEATRICE DISTRICT.—Beatrice, Centenary, \$28.25; Laselle Street, \$7.00; Fairbury, \$12.75; Tobias, \$2.30; Tobias Charge, Atlanta, \$3.75; Callahan, \$3.75; Mrs. Lou Roy, \$10.00. Total, \$67.80.

HASTINGS DISTRICT.—Edgar, \$18.00; Table Rock, \$2.25; Mrs. Answalt, \$1.00. Total, \$21.25.

LINCOLN DISTRICT.—Ashland, \$1.25; Lincoln: St. Paul, \$16.00; Trinity, \$13.80; Circle, \$2.80; Palmyra, \$8.00; Wahoo, \$3.25; Circle, \$0.95; Weeping Water, \$16.25. Total, \$62.30.

YORK DISTRICT.—Aurora, \$12.00; Bradshaw, \$1.00; David City, \$4.50; Osceola, \$4.00; Rising City, \$11.25; Seward, \$9.00; Surprise, \$5.50; Thayer, \$3.00; Ulysses, \$24.75; Circle, \$0.18; York, \$22.75. Total, \$97.93.

Total to General Fund \$249.28.

To General Fund for Current Expenses of the Mothers' Jewels Home.

—Board of children temporarily in the Home, \$368.50; From farm products, \$434.37. Total, \$802.87.

Moneys sent to the Home, and reported by Superintendent through vouchers.—Beatrice, Centenary, "Epworth Guards," \$11.00; Chester, \$14.00; Crab Orchard, \$22.00; Fairfield, \$1.00; Fremont, \$7.60; Gibbon, \$0.70; Lincoln, "Willing Workers," \$14.00; Red Cloud, \$6.50; Rising City, \$13.00; York, \$1.76; Shelby, \$2.50; Weeping Water, \$3.00; Valparaiso, \$3.00; Benjamin Hanley, \$6.00; Mrs. Bowden, \$4.25; Sale of photos, \$0.50. Total, \$110.81.

Total to General Fund \$1,162.96.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home*.—Donations to the children by auxiliaries, bands and Sunday Schools, reported to Treasurer by vouchers.—Beatrice: Centenary, \$14.64; Mrs. Stevens, \$26.00; Crab Orchard, \$10.00; David City, \$2.00; Dewitt, \$9.60; Lincoln: St. Paul, \$78.56; Trinity, \$33.00; Palmyra, \$16.75; Rising City, \$10.00; Table Rock, \$15.15; Ulysses, \$40.00; York, \$12.35; Tecumseh, \$14.00. Total, \$282.05.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$282.05.

To Special Fund.—*Mothers' Jewels Home.—On Building.*

To special collections taken in the interest of the Home.—By Mrs. E. P. Warner.—Adams, \$3.50; Alexandria, \$59.46; Auburn, \$66.00; Chester, \$28.85; country place, \$4.00; Denton & Bowers, Roca charge, \$14.28; Edgar, \$35.00; Elmwood, \$34.81; Fairmont, \$18.00; Germantown, \$26.01; Holmesville, \$66.05; Mead, \$16.50; Milford, \$23.55; Minden, \$44.50; Nelson, \$49.80; New City, \$43.35; Palmyra, \$39.21; Red Cloud, \$32.30; Roca, \$81.69; Reynolds, \$8.43; Sterling, \$8.70; Strong, \$37.25; Superior, \$13.72; Sutton, \$21.75; Wahoo, \$42.00; Waverly, \$52.88; Wymore, \$88.00. Total, \$959.59.

Donations to the Home.—Collected by Mrs. Warner.—Adams, Benjamin Hanly, \$1,000.00 (to name parlor); A friend, \$1,000.00. Total, \$2,000.00.

From Auxiliaries.—To Building Fund.—Beatrice: Centenary, \$2.00; Blue Springs, \$2.00; Brownville, \$2.00; Blue Springs, \$2.00; Chester,

\$8.00; Crab Orchard, \$2.00; Fairbury, \$3.10; Fairmount, \$10.00; Holstein, \$1.50; Lincoln: Emanuel, \$2.00; Manley, \$4.00; St. Paul, \$4.00; Nebraska City, \$12.00; Nebraska City Circuit, \$10.00 ("Hazel Dell" window); Nelson, \$4.00; Sterling, \$6.00; Seward, \$5.00; York, \$6.00; Waco, \$4.00; Waverly, \$2.00; Wahoo, \$8.00. Total, \$99.60.

To Hospital Fund.—Beatrice, Mrs. C. B. Mussulman, \$100.00 (to name a room, *in memoriam*); Bellwood, Mrs. Hattie M. Bell, \$100.00 (to name a room, *in memoriam*); Blair, \$5.00; Blue Hill charge, \$10.00; Elmwood, \$8.00; Lincoln: Emanuel, \$5.83; St. Paul, \$5.00; Mrs. Gosper, \$5.00; Mrs. Davies, \$5.00; Mrs. M. L. Cox, \$6.00; Marquette, \$5.00; Marquette Circuit, \$1.07; Rising City, \$5.00; Tecumseh, \$30.00; Ulysses, \$20.00; Gift from Washington, D. C., Sunday School class, \$1.00; Waverly, \$13.24; York, \$1.00; Cash collection, \$3.00; Mrs. Hyde, \$0.70; Western pastor, \$0.75; Rev. W. H. Vance, \$2.00; Miss Schuttler, \$5.00; Mrs. Woodcock, \$1.00; Miss Sharp, \$10.00; A stranger, \$0.66; Miss Minnie Mead, \$115.00.

Total, \$464.25.

This money was collected and paid to hospital, by Mr. B. Spurlock.

Total to Special Fund \$3,523.44.

Grand Total \$4,968.45.

Newark Conference.

MRS. J. I. BOSWELL, Secretary.

MISS B. HAM, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—ELIZABETH DISTRICT.—Cranford, \$98.60; Circle, \$7.43; Elizabeth: Park, \$19.50; St. James, \$5.00; Plainfield, \$137.63; Circle, \$21.50; Rahway, Second Street, \$13.00; Staten Island, \$3.00; Westfield, \$60.00; Circle, \$17.50. Total, \$383.16.

JERSEY CITY DISTRICT.—Jersey City, West Side, \$21.27. Total, \$21.27.
NEWARK DISTRICT.—Bloomfield, \$14.75; East Orange, Calvary, \$173.88; Madison, \$21.50; Montclair, \$95.00; Morristown, \$160.45; Newark: Central, \$94.00; Halsey Street, \$104.72; Roseville, \$107.00; St. Luke's, \$24.68; Trinity, \$7.00; Union Street, \$20.00; Orange, First Church, \$42.00; Springfield, \$14.00; Tabor, \$53.00. Total, \$931.98.

PATERSON DISTRICT.—Paterson: Cross Street, \$46.00; Grace, \$19.75; Market Street, \$100.00; Succasunna, \$8.00. Total, \$173.75.

OTHER SOURCES.—Conference gatherings, \$107.50. Total, \$107.50.

Total to General Fund \$1,617.66.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Boylan Home.*—Morristown, \$41.00; Newark: Central, \$33.50; Halsey Street, \$30.00; Union, \$20.00. Total, \$124.50.

To Thayer Home.—Jersey City, West Side, \$40.00. Total, \$40.00.

To Jesse Lee Home.—Cranford, \$25.00. Total, \$25.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Morristown, \$25.00. Total, \$25.00.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$214.50.

To Special Fund.—*To Castle Garden Work.*—New York City.—East Orange, Calvary, \$16.07; Plainfield, \$15.00; Westfield, \$15.00. Total, \$46.07.

To Haven Home.—Madison, \$10.00. Total, \$10.00.

To Boylan Home.—Morristown, \$5.00. Total, \$5.00.

To Indian Fund.—*Navajoes.*—Cranford, Circle, \$25.00; Elizabeth, St. James Circle, \$10.00 (to name a window, "St. James Circle, Elizabeth, N. J."); Montclair, \$100.00; Newark, Halsey Street, \$30.00; East Orange, Calvary, \$16.84; Plainfield, \$10.00; Springfield, \$7.50. Total, \$199.34.

To Morristown.—Cranford, \$20.00. Total, \$20.00.

To Alaska.—Plainfield, \$25.00. Total, \$25.00.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home.—Madison, \$2.00; Newark, District Association, \$22.25; Newark, Halsey, \$10.00; Plainfield, \$5.00. Total, \$39.25.

To Italian Work in New York City.—East Orange, Calvary, \$63.85; Montclair, \$20.00; Plainfield, \$10.00; Westfield, \$5.00. Total, \$98.85.

To Emerson Home.—Newark, Mrs. DeGroot, \$1,000.00; Orange, First Church, \$30.00. Total, \$1,030.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Jersey City, West Side, \$2.00; Montclair, \$1.10; Newark, Halsey Street, \$4.00; Washington, \$16.00. Total, \$23.10.

Total to Special Fund \$1,496.61.

Grand Total \$3,328.77.

New England Conference.

MRS. S. W. FLOYD, Secretary.

MISS E. J. WEBSTER, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BOSTON DISTRICT.—Dorchester, \$32.00; Eggleston Square, \$12.20; Jamaica Plain, \$13.00; People's Church, \$20.00; Roslindale, \$28.00; Roxbury, \$5.00; St. John's, \$53.00; Temple Street, \$40.00; Tremont Street, \$37.00; Winthrop Street, \$43.50; Cheerful Workers, \$6.00; Brookline, \$19.85; Hyde Park, \$36.00; Band, \$1.50; Natick, \$13.75; Newton, \$10.00; Newton Centre, \$17.00; Newtonville, \$10.00; Wollaston, \$12.25; Worcester Union, \$6.00. Total, \$416.05.

LYNN DISTRICT.—Boston, Saratoga Street, \$54.00; Chelsea, Walnut Street, \$29.00; East Saugus, \$28.00; Everett, \$18.00; Gloucester, \$14.00; Band, \$1.42; Ipswich, \$6.00; Lynn: Boston Street, Earnest Workers, \$4.30; Common, \$100.00; Saint Paul, \$4.50; South Street, \$28.00; Malden, \$15.00; Legacy of Mrs. Lydia Newhall, \$100.00; Bequest of Mrs. Sabra W. Lewis, \$400.00; Marblehead, \$25.00; Melrose, \$38.00; Peabody, \$18.00; Salem, Wesley Chapel, \$10.00; Stoneham Band, \$3.00; Winthrop, \$10.50. Total, \$906.72.

NORTH BOSTON DISTRICT.—Ayer, \$1.25; Boston, Trinity, \$34.00; Cambridgeport, \$8.00; Cambridge: Grace, \$14.35; Harvard, \$23.00; Clinton, \$28.50; Fitchburg, \$12.00; Hudson, \$11.00; Leominster, \$13.00; Lowell: Central, \$24.00; St. Paul's, \$20.00; Somerville: Broadway, \$9.00; First Church, \$38.60; Park Avenue, \$26.00; Waltham, \$4.00; Band, \$0.30; Immanuel, \$21.00; Watertown, Golden Rule Band, \$11.00; Winchester, \$13.00; Woburn, \$15.00. Total, \$327.00.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—Amherst, \$3.50; Chicopee, \$18.00; Chicopee Falls, \$12.45; Conway, \$4.00; Holyoke, Highlands, \$1.50; Mitteneague, \$13.50; Merrick, \$15.50; Springfield Union, \$53.00; Westfield, \$14.00; Wilbraham, \$16.00. Total, \$151.45.

OTHER SOURCES.—Conference gatherings, through Charles Magee, \$77.90; Dalton, \$8.00. Total, \$85.90.

Total to General Fund \$1,887.12.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Browning Home.*—Lynn, Common, \$15.00. Total, \$15.00.

To E. L. Rust Home.—Everett, \$10.00; Bromfield, \$5.00; Lynn, Common, \$15.00; South Street, \$15.00; Malden, \$20.00. Total, \$65.00.

To King Home.—Westfield, \$2.63. Total, \$2.63.

To Peck Home.—Chicopee Band, \$3.75; East Saugus, \$1.00; Springfield: State Street, Christian Endeavor Society, \$4.00; St. Luke, Epworth League, \$3.00; Trinity, \$5.00; Union, \$8.00. Total, \$24.75.

To Thayer Home.—Malden: Mrs. George P. Cox, \$50.00; Mrs. A. R. Ladd, \$60.00. Total, \$110.00.

To Haven Home.—Malden, Miss Mary C. Waitt, \$60.00. Total, \$60.00.

To Boylan Home.—Eight ladies, \$40.00. Total, \$40.00.

To Kent Home.—Boston: Stanton Avenue, \$50.00 (by a friend); Tremont Street, \$5.00. Total, \$55.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Chester Band, \$4.00; Holyoke Highlands, \$6.00; Newtonville, \$1.60. Total, \$11.60.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$383.98.

To Special Fund.—*To Stickney Home.*—Boston: Tremont Street, Mrs. Jacobs, \$5.00; Trinity, \$5.00. Total, \$10.00.

To Bohemian Work in Chicago.—Boston, Tremont Street, \$3.00.

Total, \$3.00.

To Jesse Lee Home.—Cambridge, Grace, \$16.50; Northampton, King's Daughters, \$5.00.

Total, \$21.50.

To Asheville.—Boston, Eggleston Square, \$2.12.

Total, \$2.12.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home.—Brookline, \$4.00; Boston: Cambridge, Harvard, \$2.00; People's Church, \$1.00; St. John's, \$10.00; Trinity, \$10.00; Everett, \$3.00; Hudson, \$3.00; Hyde Park, \$3.50; Melrose, \$1.00; Malden, \$4.00; Newton Center, \$6.00; Newtonville, \$3.00; Napouset, \$1.00; Springfield Union, \$1.00; Waltham, \$1.00; Webster, \$35.00; Winchester, \$5.00; Woburn, \$4.00; Worcester Union, \$6.00; Mrs. Joseph Mansfield, \$1.00; Mrs. Mather, \$1.00; Mrs. Buchford, \$1.00; Mrs. Lord, \$1.00.

Total, \$112.50.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Boston: Stanton Avenue, \$0.50; Eggleston Square, \$19.20; Jamaica Plain, \$17.39; People's Church, \$1.00; St. John's, \$2.10; Tremont St., \$3.40; Lynn: Boston Street, \$17.35; Commou, \$6.50; Chickopee, \$8.00; Marblehead, \$1.00; Malden, Mrs. Pitcher, \$5.00; Pearl Gatherers, \$3.34; Mitteneague, \$1.00; Munson, \$6.00; Northampton, \$8.00; Somerville: First Church, \$2.00; Flint, \$2.00; Springfield, Grace, \$15.00; Southbridge, \$12.50; Winthrop, \$2.00; Worcester Union, \$6.00.

Total, \$139.48.

To East Boston Immigrants' Home.—Reported by Districts and disbursed by Treasurer of New England Conference.—Boston, \$4,602.22; North Boston, \$1,130.27; Lynn, \$1,672.16; Springfield, \$603.01.

Total, \$8,007.66.

Total to Special Fund \$8,296.26.

Grand Total \$10,567.36.

New England Southern Conference.

MRS. D. L. BROWN, Secretary.

MRS. J. F. BROWNELL, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—NEW BEDFORD DISTRICT.—Cottage City, \$18.00; Fairhaven, \$28.00; Circle, \$2.50; Fall River Union, \$19.00; Middleboro, \$16.00; Willing Workers, \$22.00; New Bedford, County Street, \$6.00; Plymouth Memorial, \$15.00; Bryantville, \$7.00; Taunton: First Church, \$9.50; Grace, \$18.25; Yarmouth Camp Meeting Auxiliary, \$11.00; Mrs. Waters, \$1.00.

Total, \$173.25.

NORWICH DISTRICT.—Danielsonville, \$3.00; East Glastonbury, \$3.00; Hockanum, \$1.00; New London, \$29.00; "Cheerful Givers," \$10.00; Norwich, East Main, \$45.00; South Manchester, \$25.00; Stafford Springs, \$24.00; Willimantic Camp Meeting Auxiliary, \$13.00; Willimantic, \$72.00.

Total, \$225.00.

PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.—Bristol, \$27.00; Brocton, Campello Church, \$13.50; East Weymouth Centre, \$18.00; Newport, First Church, \$37.00; Pawtucket, \$83.00; Providence, \$255.00; Sainted Band, \$5.00; Stoughton, \$10.15.

Total, \$448.65.

OTHER SOURCES.—Conference collection, \$25.00; Estate of Mrs. Martha Fales, \$210.83.

Total, \$235.83.

Total to General Fund \$1,082.73.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Browning Home.*—Fairhaven, Mission Circle, \$20.00; Providence, \$49.00; Yarmouth, King's Daughters, \$25.00.

Total, \$94.00.

To Ritter Home.—Fall River, St. Paul, Young Ladies' Society, \$40.00.

Total, \$40.00.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$134.00.

To Special Fund.—*To Browning Home.*—Fall River, \$0.48; Middleboro, Willing Workers, \$10.00; Norwich, East Main Street, \$0.56.

Total, \$11.04.

To Indian Fund.—Niantic, \$2.00; Newport, \$5.00; Norwich, East Main, \$5.00; Providence, \$2.00; S. Manchester, \$2.50; Taunton, First Church, \$2.00; gift, \$0.50. Total, \$19.00.

To King Home.—Hazardville, \$2.00; Manchester, \$1.00; New Bedford, County Street, collection, \$7.83; Newport, \$5.00; Niantic, \$1.00; Mrs. Brown, Mite Box, \$1.50; Rockville, Mrs. Bates, \$1.00; S. Manchester, \$4.50; Willimantic, \$1.00; gift, \$0.25. Total, \$25.08.

To Jesse Lee Home.—Brockton, Campello Street, \$10.00; Fall River, \$5.00; St. Paul, \$5.00; Fairhaven, \$7.50; Middleboro, \$10.00; New Bedford, County Street, \$10.00; Newport, \$5.00; Middleboro, Willing Workers, \$5.00; Rockville, J. H. James, \$5.00; S. Manchester, \$5.00; Taunton, Grace, \$3.00; Willimantic, \$5.00. Total, \$75.50.

To Ritter Home.—Bristol, \$4.62; Fairhaven, \$4.00; Middleboro, Willing Workers, \$5.00; New Bedford, County Street, \$2.00; New London, \$8.47; Newport, First Church, \$6.25; Norwich, East Main Street, \$3.00; New London, Cheerful Givers, \$8.00; Plymouth Memorial, \$2.00; S. Manchester, \$10.00; Taunton: First Church, \$5.00; Grace, \$3.00. Total, \$61.34.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Cottage City, \$21.50; Fall River, \$4.00; New Bedford, County Street, \$2.00; New London, Cheerful Givers, \$18.00; Plymouth, May Flower Mission Band, \$4.00; Providence, Chestnut Street, \$10.00; Somerville, \$1.00; Taunton, First Church, \$12.00; Robert Rawcliff, \$2.00; Grace, \$14.12; Willimantic Camp, Willing Workers, \$54.30.

To Immigrants' Home in East Boston.—South Manchester, collection, \$7.59; Conference, \$28.80. Total, \$36.39.

Total to Special Fund \$369.27.

Grand Total \$1,586.00.

New Hampshire Conference.

MRS. A. T. WELLS, Secretary.

MRS. J. D. FOLSOM, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CONCORD DISTRICT.—Concord: Baker Memorial, \$16.50; First Church, \$44.00; Franklin Falls, \$5.00; Tilton, \$23.00; Mrs. E. H. Emerson, \$0.40. Total, \$88.90.

DOVER DISTRICT.—Dover, St. John, \$10.00; Epping, \$9.00; Epping Camp, \$31.22; Haverhill: Grace, \$89.60; Wesley Chapel, \$42.00; Lawrence, First Church, \$65.00; Salisbury, \$18.00; South New Market, \$6.20.

Total, \$271.02.

MANCHESTER DISTRICT.—Antrim, \$10.00; Claremont Union, \$5.00; Hinsdale, \$13.05; Keene, \$19.00; Manchester: St. James, \$12.00; St. Paul, \$41.00; Marlborough, \$5.00; Salem Depot, \$10.00. Total, \$115.05.

OTHER SOURCES.—Conference gleanings, through Charles R. Magee, \$62.00. Total, \$62.00.

Total to General Fund \$536.97.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Boylan Home.*—Dover, \$30.00; Haverhill, Grace, \$20.00; Salisbury, \$20.00. Total, \$70.00.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$70.00.

To Special Fund.—*To Boylan Home.*—Claremont, \$19.05.

Total, \$19.05.

To Emerson Home.—Claremont, \$29.25; Claremont, Union Camp Band, \$13.90; Haverhill: Grace, \$100.00 (to name a room); Mrs. Susan H. Taylor, \$100.00 (to name a room); Manchester: St. James, Epworth League, \$2.00; Arthur B. Howard, \$4.00; North Charleston, \$3.00; Penacook, Mrs. S. P. Heath, \$5.00; Salisbury, \$25.00 (to furnish a room).

Total, \$282.15.

To Indian Fund.—Tilton, \$7.00. Total, \$7.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Concord, First Church, Pansy Band, \$10.00; Haverhill, Wesley Chapel, \$2.80; Lawrence, First Church, \$28.00;

Newport, \$6.23; Mrs. C. N. Krook, \$2.00; Mrs. C. H. Smith's mite box, \$1.05; Mrs. A. T. Wells, \$0.84. Total, \$50.92.

Total to Special Fund \$359.12.

Grand Total \$966.09.

New Jersey Conference.

MRS. C. F. GARRISON, Secretary. MRS. N. L. CAMINADE, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BRIDGETON DISTRICT.—Bridgeton: Central, \$57.00; Commerce, \$18.50; Trinity, \$16.95; Salem, \$20.00; Vineland, \$65.00. Total, \$177.45.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.—Blackwood, \$11.32; Camden: Broadway, \$7.78; Circle, \$17.98; Centenary, \$82.25; Third Street, \$36.75; Haddonfield, \$18.50. Total, \$174.58.

NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.—Cranbury, \$29.59; Freehold, \$10.00; Milltown, \$4.75; New Brunswick: First Church, \$37.00; St. James, \$23.00; Band, \$11.00; Ocean Grove, St. Paul, \$48.00; Mrs. Morehead, \$20.00; Sea Side Band, \$2.00; Harris Circle, \$4.00; Ocean Park Band, \$2.40; Red Bank, Grace, \$24.75. Total, \$216.49.

TRENTON DISTRICT.—Bethel, \$14.82; Burlington: Union Street, \$10.88; Orié Band, \$1.40; Crosswicks, \$3.00; Pennington, \$7.00; Princeton, \$8.25; Trenton: Green Street, \$93.25; State Street, \$67.00. Total, \$205.60.

OTHER SOURCES.—Conference Board, \$100.00. Total, \$100.00.

Total to General Fund \$874.12.

To Special Fund.—*To Morristown Home.*—By Mrs. Kent, without special credits, \$18.00; gifts to the Home, \$118.60; Bridgeton, Central, \$15.00; Camden, Third Street, \$5.00; Ocean Grove, Anniversary, \$109.75; Ocean Park, \$20.00; Sea Bright, \$6.00; Trenton, Green Street, King's Daughters, \$5.00; Pitman Grove, \$13.00; Conference Board, \$94.00. Total, \$404.35.

To Albuquerque.—Camden, Tabernacle, \$20.00; Ocean Grove Anniversary, \$12.95; Princeton, \$4.00. Total, \$36.95.

To Italian Work in New York City.—Asbury Park, \$40.83; Bridgeton, \$2.00; Camden, \$5.00; Cranbury, \$2.00; Long Branch: First Church, \$39.00; Simpson, \$8.79; Ocean Grove, St. Paul, \$25.35. Total, \$122.97.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home.—East Orange, \$20.00; Trenton, Green Street, \$20.00; Sea Bright, \$5.00. Total, \$45.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Bridgeton: Central, \$4.00; Commerce, \$2.00; Camden, \$2.00; Ocean Grove, St. Paul, \$2.00; Ocean Park, \$2.90; Sea Side, Band, \$2.00; Mrs. Fisk, \$10.00. Total, \$24.90.

Total to Special Fund \$634.17.

Grand Total \$1,508.29.

New York Conference.

MRS. MARY FISK PARK, Secretary. MRS. J. A. PUNDERFORD, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—NEW YORK DISTRICT.—Armonk, \$43.75; Carmel, \$15.00; Circle, \$6.00; Katonah, \$32.00; Kensico, \$28.00; Mount Kisco, \$20.00; New York: Asbury, \$16.00; Calvary, \$32.19; Central, \$20.75; Chelsea, \$15.00; Eighteenth Street, \$43.00; Jane Street, \$2.45; Park Avenue, \$49.00; Young Ladies' Circle, \$45.00; St. Andrew's, \$54.00; St. James, \$18.00; St. Luke's, \$26.00; St. Mark's, \$10.00; St. Paul's, \$100.00; Thirtieth Street, \$13.00; Twenty-fourth Street, \$20.98; Washington Heights, \$9.10; Washington Square, \$338.00; Tarrytown: Asbury, \$83.00; St. Paul, \$9.75; North Tarrytown, \$14.05; White Plains, \$74.76; Yonkers, \$30.10. Total, \$1,168.88.

POUGHKEEPSIE DISTRICT.—Chatham, \$8.25; Hudson, \$51.00; Poughkeepsie: Cannon Street, \$33.30; Hedding, \$4.55; Trinity, \$20.50; Washington, \$25.00. Total, \$142.60.

NEWBURG DISTRICT.—Chester, \$4.45; Goshen, \$25.00; Marlborough, \$7.00. Total, \$36.45.

KINGSTON DISTRICT.—Catskill, \$22.19; Coxsackie, \$23.40; Kingston: Clinton Avenue, \$28.00; St. James, \$34.27; Rondout, \$23.50. Total, \$131.36.

OTHER SOURCES.—Conference collection, \$347.92; annual meeting, \$95.00; a friend, \$25.00. Total, \$467.92.

Total to General Fund \$1,947.21.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Haven Home*.—New York, Bedford Street, \$14.60; Chester, \$5.00. Total, \$19.60.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$19.60.

To Special Fund.—*To Castle Garden*.—Kingston, Rondout, \$13.75; New York, Washington Square, \$42.00. Total, \$55.75.

To King Home.—New York, Washington Square, \$50.00.

Total, \$50.00.

To Indian Fund.—*To Navajoes*.—Poughkeepsie, Washington Street, \$5.00. Total, \$5.00.

To Italian Work in New York City.—Kingston, Clinton Street, \$2.00; New York: Park Avenue, \$13.00; St. Andrew's, \$74.50; St. James, \$22.08; St. Luke's, \$10.00; St. Mark's, \$37.75; Washington Heights, \$6.00; Washington Square, \$25.00. Total, \$190.33.

To Jesse Lee Home.—Yonkers, Whatsoever Circle, \$5.00. Total, \$5.00.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home.—Poughkeepsie, Washington Street, \$10.00; Mrs. Laura Camp, \$200.00. Total, \$210.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Hudson, \$9.00; Malden, \$4.00; Poughkeepsie, Washington Street, \$28.00 (to name a room "Washington Street Sunday School"); White Plains, \$14.00. Total, \$55.00.

Total to Special Fund \$571.08.

Grand Total \$2,537.89.

\$112.00 was appropriated to Italian work in New York City, and reported by voucher.

New York East Conference.

MRS. J. Q. MAYNARD, Secretary.

MRS. G. E. SECOR, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BROOKLYN DISTRICT.—Amityville, \$1.00; Baldwin's, \$1.00; Bay Shore, \$2.00; Brooklyn: Andrews, \$4.00; Bushwick Avenue, \$8.00; Carroll Park, \$1.00; DeKalb Avenue Circle, \$7.50; Eighteenth Street, \$1.00; Fleet Street, \$29.55; Furman Street, \$2.00; Grace Church, \$2.00; Hanson Place, \$23.00; Circle, \$9.50; Janes, \$29.00; Nostrand Avenue, \$86.00; Russell Place, \$4.00; St. Paul, \$1.00; Sixth Avenue, \$1.00; Sumner Avenue, \$38.50; Wesley, \$2.00; Williams Avenue, \$2.00; York Street, \$5.00; Elmont, \$5.00; Farmingdale, \$1.00; Good Ground, \$3.00; Jamaica, \$41.50; Missions: Brooklyn Swedish Mission, \$10.00; Norwegian Mission, \$5.00; Bethany, \$1.00; Dover, \$2.00; New York, \$1.00; Morris Park, \$1.00; Sayville, \$1.00; Sheepshead Bay, \$2.00. Total, \$383.55.

NEW HAVEN DISTRICT.—Bethlehem, \$1.00; Clinton, \$1.00; Forestville, \$5.00; Hartford, First Church, \$4.00; Higganum, \$4.00; Madison, \$1.00; Meriden, Trinity, \$1.00; Middletown, \$75.86; Milford, \$1.00; New Haven, Howard Avenue, \$2.00; Plainville, \$2.00; Southington, \$8.00; Thomaston, \$1.00; Woodbury, \$1.00; Yalesville, \$1.00. Total, \$108.80.

NEW YORK DISTRICT.—Brooklyn: Cedar Street, \$1.00; Francis, \$3.00; Powers Street, \$1.00; South Second Street, \$2.00; Circle, \$8.00; Band, \$15.00; South Third Street, \$2.00; Centerport, \$2.00; Cold Spring Harbor, \$1.00; Corona, \$1.00; Cutchogue, \$5.00; East Norwich, \$1.00; Glen Cove,

\$2.00; Greenport, \$10.00; Huntington, \$4.00; Jericho, \$1.00; Lake Grove, \$3.00; New York: Allen, \$3.00; Eleventh Street, \$1.00; Forsyth Street, \$5.00; John Street, \$5.00; Seventh Street, \$5.00; Roslyn, \$2.00; Northport, \$5.00; Sea Cliff, \$15.00; Southold, \$10.00; Smithtown, \$1.00; Whitestone, \$1.00; Woodbury, \$4.00. Total, \$119.00.

NEW YORK EAST DISTRICT.—Bridgeport: First Church, \$59.00; Newfield, \$3.00; North Main Street, \$2.00; Summerfield, \$3.00; Washington Park, \$32.00; City Island, \$4.00; Danbury, \$5.00; East Chester, \$2.00; Easton, \$5.00; East Village, \$1.00; Greenwich, \$2.00; Litchfield, \$1.00; Mt. Vernon, \$15.00; New Milford, \$5.00; New York: Beekman Hill, \$20.00; Cornell Memorial, \$2.00; Seventeenth Street, \$5.00; Sixty-first Street, \$5.00; Trinity, \$50.00; Woodstock, \$3.00; Round Ridge, \$1.00; Round Hill, \$1.00; Roxbury, \$1.00; Southport, \$2.00; Stepney, \$1.00; Westport, \$1.00; Mrs. Harris, \$20.00. Total, \$251.00.

To Working Girls' Club.—Bridgeport, First Church, \$8.00; Brooklyn, Nostrand Avenue, \$400.00; DeKalb Avenue, Circle, \$30.50; Grace Church, \$7.00; Hanson Place, \$13.19; Sumner Avenue, \$29.68; South Second Street, Band, \$15.00; Middletown, \$17.50. Total, \$520.87.

This money, \$520.87, was donated and disbursed by the Conference.

Total to General Fund \$1,383.22.

To Special Fund.—*To Indian Work.*—*To Navajoes.*—Hempstead, Mrs. Sarah M. Norris, \$50.00. Total, \$50.00.

To Stickney Home.—Hempstead, Mrs. Sarah M. Norris, \$43.14.

Total, \$43.14.

To Peck Home.—Springfield, \$15.00. Total, \$15.00.

To Ritter Home.—Middletown, \$50.00. Total, \$50.00.

To Italian Work in New York City.—Brooklyn, Hanson Place, \$13.00; South Second Street, Band, \$4.00; Jamaica, \$5.00. Total, \$22.00.

To Asheville.—Greenwich, \$25.00. Total, \$25.00.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home.—Mrs. H. M. Randall, \$10.00.

Total, \$10.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Brooklyn, Nostrand Avenue, \$2.00; Patchogue, \$2.00; New Haven, Miss Essie Street, \$2.00. Total, \$6.00.

To Deaconess Work in Brooklyn.—Bridgeport, First Church, \$15.00; Brooklyn: DeKalb, \$15.00; Young Ladies' Society, \$7.00; Embury, \$16.00; Eighteenth Street, \$15.00; Fleet Street, \$44.81; Grace, \$5.00; Hanson Place, \$340.05; Circle, \$36.31; Janes, \$22.00; Nostrand, \$174.99; Sumner Avenue, \$164.86; Summerfield, \$86.00; (Bridgeport), Mrs. Frost, \$29.00; Simpson, \$14.00; South Second Street, Band, \$12.00; Stamford, Mrs. Wing, \$10.00; Board from Home, \$129.00; Interest and dues, \$5.96. Total, \$1,141.98.

Total to Special Fund \$1,363.12.

Grand Total \$2,746.34.

North Indiana Conference.

MRS. L. A. GERNHART, Secretary.

MRS. L. H. BUNYAN, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—FORT WAYNE DISTRICT.—Bluffton, \$26.25; Fremont, \$8.00; Garrett, \$13.50. Total, \$47.75.

GOSHEN DISTRICT.—Elkhart, Trinity, \$34.22; Goshen, \$48.25; Leesburg, \$24.00; Milford, \$7.25; Mishawaka, \$14.25; Nappanee, \$7.00; New Paris, \$12.50; Wolcottville, \$6.25. Total, \$153.72.

KOKOMO DISTRICT.—Noblesville, \$1.00. Total, \$1.00.

MUNCIE DISTRICT.—Alexandria, \$8.00; Hartford City, Grace Church, \$44.81; Muncie, \$19.75; High Street, \$8.25; Red Key, \$36.33; Band, \$6.02; Winchester, \$15.25. Total, \$138.41.

RICHMOND DISTRICT.—College Corner, \$13.56; Hagerstown, \$23.87; Kennard, \$1.00; Knightstown, \$27.75; Middletown, \$18.12; New Castle, \$43.32; Richmond: First Church, \$79.90; Grace, \$15.74. Total, \$223.26.

WARSAW DISTRICT.—Marion, \$18.00; Wabash, \$37.19; First Church, \$10.18; Warsaw, Cook's Chapel, \$9.50.	Total, \$74.87.
<i>To Frontier Work.</i> —Richmond, First Church, \$5.00.	Total, \$5.00.
Total to General Fund	\$644.01.
<i>To Special Fund.</i> — <i>To Alaska.</i> —Elkhart, Trinity, \$7.35; Hartford City, Grace Church, \$3.00; Red Key, \$10.00.	Total, \$20.35.
<i>To Mothers' Jewels Home.</i> —College Corner, \$0.10; Elkhart, \$0.10; Kennard, \$1.00; Muncie, \$1.20; High Street, \$0.30; New Castle, \$2.70; Wabash, \$1.20.	Total, \$6.60.
<i>To East Boston Immigrants' Home.</i> —Hartford City, \$5.00; Red Key, \$10.00; Band, \$1.50.	Total, \$16.50.
Total to Special Fund	\$43.45.
Grand Total	\$687.46.

North Nebraska Conference.

MRS. J. B. MAXFIELD, Secretary.

MRS. A. HODGETTS, Treasurer.

<i>To General Fund.</i> —ELKHORN DISTRICT.—Creighton, \$1.00; Neligh, \$1.00; Oakdale, \$3.00; Petersburg, \$1.00.	Total, \$6.00.
GRAND ISLAND DISTRICT.—Albion, \$4.00; Central City, \$8.00; Columbus, \$1.00; St. Paul, \$1.00; Wood River, \$1.00.	Total, \$15.00.
NORFOLK DISTRICT.—Allens, \$5.00; Beemer, \$23.93; Blair, \$10.00; Dakota City, \$19.65; Band, \$1.50; Horner, \$1.00; Humphrey, \$2.00; Leigh, \$3.00; Norfolk, \$2.00; Platte Center, \$1.00; St. James, \$1.00; Stanton, \$2.00; Tekamah, \$3.50; Wisner, \$1.00.	Total, \$76.58.
OMAHA DISTRICT.—Fremont, \$20.00; Omaha: Hanscom Park, \$12.00; Seward Street, \$25.00; South Tenth Street, \$16.50; Trinity, \$34.62.	Total, \$108.12.
OTHER SOURCES.—Mrs. J. B. Maxfield, \$2.50; Contingent Fund, \$3.00.	Total, \$5.50.
Total to General Fund	\$211.20.
<i>To Beneficiary Fund.</i> — <i>To Mothers' Jewels Home.</i> —Albion Circuit, \$1.00; Blair, \$7.23; Bartlett, \$1.00.	Total, \$9.23.
Total to Beneficiary Fund	\$9.23.
<i>To Special Fund.</i> — <i>To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home.</i> —Neligh, \$1.00; Oakdale, \$1.00; Platte Center, \$1.00; St. Paul, \$1.00.	Total, \$4.00.
<i>To Mothers' Jewels Home.</i> — <i>On Building.</i> —Albion Circuit, \$1.00; Blair, \$7.23; Bartlett, \$1.00; Columbus, \$2.00; Craig, \$12.00; Elgin, \$3.00; Fairmont, \$5.00; Hooper, \$1.00; Idaho City, \$9.00; Leigh, \$1.30; Lyons, \$7.00; Neligh, \$2.00; Newmar's Grove, \$4.00; Oakdale, \$2.00; Omaha: Hanscom Park, \$2.20; Seward Street, \$7.90; South Tenth Street, \$20.25; Trinity, \$7.07; Paddock, \$2.00; Pender, \$1.00; Plainville, \$1.00; Papillion, \$6.00; Purple Cove, \$2.00; St. James, \$2.00; General Conference collection, \$41.00; Conference anniversary, \$10.25.	Total, \$160.20.
<i>To Mr. B. Spurlock, Superintendent of Home, and reported by voucher.</i> —Omaha: Mrs. John Dale, \$1.50; Tenth Street, \$2.50.	Total, \$4.00.
<i>To Hospital Fund.</i> — <i>Mothers' Jewels.</i> —South Omaha, Victory Mission, \$10.00; Blair, \$5.00.	Total, \$15.00.
Total to Special Fund	\$183.20.
Grand Total	\$403.63.

North Ohio Conference.

MRS. W. F. KELLER, Secretary.

MRS. T. S. SHEPHERD, Treasurer.

<i>To General Fund.</i> —CLEVELAND DISTRICT.—Belden, \$8.75; Berea, \$16.85; Circle, \$6.00; Brooklyn, \$20.00; Band, \$3.25; Cleveland: Franklin Avenue, \$72.36; Band, \$7.40; Jennings Avenue, \$39.50; Band, \$1.50; Taylor	
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Street, \$26.00; Columbia, \$1.00; Dover, \$2.00; Granger, \$1.04; Huntington, \$12.50; New London, \$48.00; Oberlin, \$7.50; Strongsville, \$1.00; Wellington, \$46.65; Circle, \$12.00; Band, \$2.50. Total, \$335.80.

MANSFIELD DISTRICT.—Ashland, \$21.00; Crestline, \$20.30; Hayesville, \$12.34; Mansfield, \$66.31; Mount Gilead, \$23.75; Pavonia, \$20.75. Total, \$164.45.

MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT.—Clark's (Bloomfield), \$8.36; Danville, Circle, \$0.50; Band, \$1.12; Democracy, \$1.00; Fredericktown, \$3.50; Gambier, \$28.85; Hopewell, \$11.00; Millersburg, Circle, \$5.57; Mohawk, \$1.00; Mount Vernon: First Church, \$74.50; Union Chapel, \$19.50; Roscoe, \$15.00; Utica, \$8.00. Total, \$177.90.

SANDUSKY DISTRICT.—Bellevue, \$20.40; Norwalk, \$46.00; Band, \$9.85; Plymouth, \$25.00; Band, \$4.00; Sandusky, \$35.50; Tiffin, \$31.25. Total, \$172.00.

WOOSTER DISTRICT.—Albion, \$10.20; Blake's Mills, \$1.00; Canaan, \$8.00; Fredericksburg, \$13.00; Hayesville, \$2.75; Loudonville, \$19.85; North Lawrence, \$15.00; Perrysville, \$5.75; Band, \$7.20; Smithville, \$8.00; Wooster, \$38.00; Interest on Bequest, \$15.75. Total, \$144.50.

To Frontier work.—Wellington, \$6.50. Total, \$6.50.

Total to General Fund \$1,001.15.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Indian Fund.*—Mount Vernon, \$15.00.

Total, \$15.00.

To Ukiah.—Norwalk, Band, \$15.00. Total, \$15.00.

To Logan Home.—Oberlin, \$17.50. Total, \$17.50.

To Ritter Home.—Mansfield, \$14.00; Mount Vernon, Union Chapel, \$30.00; Penfield, \$20.00. Total, \$64.00.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$111.50.

To Special Fund.—*To Asheville Home.*—Ashland, \$42.00.

Total, \$42.00.

To E. L. Rust Home.—Mansfield, \$21.00; Mount Vernon, First Church, \$10.00. Total, \$31.00.

To Indian Fund.—Bellevue, \$5.25. Total, \$5.25.

To Jesse Lee Home.—Mansfield, \$20.00. Total, \$20.00.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Home.—Mansfield, \$9.00; Mount Vernon, First Church, \$4.00; Tiffin, \$40.00. Total, \$53.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Bellevue, \$10.00; Brooklyn, \$0.40; Cleveland: Franklin Avenue, \$0.10; Taylor Street, \$0.80; Mansfield, \$2.70; Mount Vernon, First Church, \$5.00; Perrysville, \$0.25; Wellington, \$2.00; West Carlisle, \$1.00. Total, \$22.25.

To Ritter Home.—Berea, \$145.00; Cleveland: Franklin Avenue, \$7.55; Circle, \$13.00; Band, \$27.00; Norwalk, \$34.00; Band, \$25.00; Mansfield, \$100.00. Total, \$351.55.

Total to Special Fund \$525.05.

Grand Total \$1,637.70.

Northern New York Conference.

MRS. H. D. FERGUSON, Secretary. MRS. H. B. McCOMBER, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—ADAMS DISTRICT.—Adams, \$24.25; Barnes Corner, \$2.00; Copenlaken, \$29.75; Great Bend, \$6.00; Lorraine, \$1.00; Lowville, \$22.00; Watertown: State Street, \$56.00; Band, \$4.41. Total, \$145.41.

HERKIMER DISTRICT.—Fairfield, \$1.00; Frankfort, \$30.93; Herkimer, \$14.38; Ilion, \$58.75; St. Johnsville, \$7.00. Total, \$112.06.

OSWEGO DISTRICT.—Camden, \$19.70; Dempster Grove, \$4.00; Fulton, \$78.00; Circle, \$5.50; Band, \$1.91; Hannibal, Circle, \$10.83; Mexico, \$26.25; Circle, \$2.91; Minetto, \$13.00; Oswego: First Church, \$36.00; Circle, \$3.05; Trinity, \$21.50; Circle, \$4.00; Pulaski, \$11.42; Sandy Creek, \$11.00. Total, \$249.07.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT.—Fort Covington, \$1.00; Madrid, \$2.00; Potsdam, \$40.00 (including \$11.00 self denial offering); St. Regis, \$1.00.

Total, \$44.00.

UTICA DISTRICT.—Clinton, \$10.14; Madison, \$21.75; Rome: First Church, \$59.75; Circle, \$7.00; Utica: First Church, \$50.06; South Street, \$80.00; Circle, \$3.40; Vernon, \$18.50; Westernville, \$9.60. Total, \$260.20.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.—Black River, \$20.00; Carthage, \$18.00; Gouverneur, \$17.32; Plessis, \$1.00; Watertown, Arsenal Street, \$40.00.

Total, \$96.32.

OTHER SOURCES.—Conference collection, \$31.00.

Total, \$31.00.

Total to General Fund \$938.06.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Peck Home*.—Fulton, \$30.00. Total, \$30.00.

To Simpson Home.—Fulton, \$19.00; Circle, \$16.00; Band, \$20.20.

Total, \$55.20.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$85.20.

To Special Fund.—*To Alaska*.—Fulton, \$10.00.

Total, \$10.00.

To Haven Home.—Three Mile Bay, Circle, \$1.81.

Total, \$1.81.

To Peck Home.—Fulton, \$10.00.

Total, \$10.00.

To Ritter Home.—Watertown: Arsenal Street, \$25.00. Total, \$25.00.

To Deaconess Home, Syracuse, N. Y.—Gouverneur, \$10.00; Utica, South Street, \$25.00.

Total, \$35.00.

To Indian Fund.—Watertown, Arsenal Street, \$6.00.

Total, \$6.00.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Home.—Carthage, \$6.00; Oswego, Trinity, \$3.00; Potsdam, \$30.00; Rome, Circle, \$1.00; Watertown, Arsenal Street, \$1.00.

Total, \$41.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Adams, \$0.70; Camden, \$21.30; Frankfort, \$2.00; Gouverneur, \$2.00; Hannibal, \$2.00; Ilion, \$23.80; Lowville, \$12.50; Mexico, \$6.50; Oswego: First Church, Circle, \$3.00; Pulaski, \$30.20 (to name window "Lulu M. Box"); Rome, Circle, \$12.00; Utica, \$2.00; State Street, \$12.00; Vernon, \$3.40; Watertown, State Street, \$38.00; Williamstown, \$3.00.

Total, \$174.40.

Total to Special Fund \$303.21.

Grand Total \$1,306.47.

North-west Indiana Conference.

MRS. S. A. MATTHEWS, Secretary. MRS. MYRON CAMPBELL, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CRAWFORDSVILLE DISTRICT.—Danville, \$23.75.

Total, \$23.75.

GREENCASTLE DISTRICT.—Terre Haute, Centenary, \$29.50.

Total, \$29.50.

LA FAYETTE DISTRICT.—La Fayette, Trinity, \$51.00; Frankfort, \$33.35.

Total, \$84.35.

SOUTH BEND DISTRICT.—Monticello, \$15.00; South Bend, First Church, \$36.38.

Total, \$51.38.

VALPARAISO DISTRICT.—Crown Point, \$16.68; Michigan City, \$16.50.

Total, \$33.18.

Total to General Fund \$222.16.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Asheville*.—Danville, \$40.00; La Fayette, Trinity, \$18.00.

Total, \$58.00.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$58.00.

To Special Fund.—*To Haven Home Piano Fund*.—La Fayette, Trinity, \$10.00.

Total, \$10.00.

To E. L. Rust Home.—La Fayette, Trinity, \$25.00.

Total, \$25.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—La Fayette, Miss Levering, \$9.00; South Bend, \$2.00.

Total, \$11.00.

Total to Special Fund \$46.00.

Grand Total \$326.16.

North-west Iowa Conference.

MRS. J. P. NEGUS, Secretary.

MRS. J. B. SHESSLER, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—ALGONA DISTRICT.—Algona, \$24.75; Band, \$1.76; Britt, \$4.00; Burt, \$2.75; Clear Lake, \$27.50; Band, \$4.80; Humboldt, \$6.25; Luverne, \$11.50. Total, \$83.31.

FORT DODGE DISTRICT.—Alta, \$15.75; Fort Dodge, \$32.50; "Home Guards" Circle, \$8.00; Grant City, \$18.75; Lohrville, \$17.50; Manson, \$10.75; Pomeroy, \$17.25; Radcliffe, \$6.44; Rockwell City, \$16.65; Sac City, Band, \$3.70; Storm Lake, \$18.75; Circle, \$6.25; Twin Lakes, \$13.60. Total, \$185.89.

IDA GROVE DISTRICT.—Cushing, \$10.65; Early, Band, \$8.39; Galva, \$18.25; Ida Grove, \$13.25; Kingsley, \$1.25; Odebolt, \$5.50; Wall Lake, \$9.00. Total, \$66.29.

SHELDON DISTRICT.—Center Chapel, \$9.25; Dickens, \$8.72; George, \$6.25; Greattinger, \$10.50; Hartley, \$9.55; Inwood, \$13.16; Marathon, \$15.00; Plover, \$8.00; Rock Rapids, \$30.00; Sanborn, \$11.25; Sibley, \$15.00; Spencer, \$6.00. Total, \$142.68.

SIoux CITY DISTRICT.—LeMars, \$24.75; Onawa, \$2.03; Salix, \$21.25; Sargent's Bluff, Band, \$2.25; Sioux City: First Church, \$29.20; Band, \$0.50; Grace, \$14.50; Band, \$3.70; Queen Esther Circle, \$15.05. Total, \$113.23.

OTHER SOURCES.—Credits belonging to last year, \$170.00.

Total to General Fund \$761.43.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Spencer Home, Utah.*—Clear Lake Band, \$10.00; Early, Band, \$10.36; Fort Dodge "Home Guards," \$15.00; Storm Lake, Circle, \$6.08. Total, \$41.44.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$41.44.

To Special Fund.—*To Spencer Home.*—Algona, \$13.05; Alta, \$16.24; Burt, \$2.00; Clear Lake, \$16.00; Center Chapel, \$6.00; Fort Dodge, \$5.00; Grant City, \$8.17; George, \$4.00; Galva, \$13.00; Hartley, \$2.00; Ida Grove, \$4.50; Inwood, \$7.54; Lohrville, \$7.50; Luverne, \$1.50; Manson, \$7.74; Milford, Band, \$11.00; Odebolt, \$4.50; Rock Rapids, \$3.00; Rockwell City, \$10.00; Sac City, Band, \$7.55; Sanborn, \$7.64; Sibley, \$5.20; Spencer, \$5.00; Storm Lake, \$2.17; Sioux City: First Church, \$21.00; Grace, \$20.00; Wall Lake, \$5.10; Mrs. Woolkiser, \$1.00; Gleanings, \$73.00. Total, \$290.10.

To Jesse Lee Home.—Alta, \$18.50; Abell School House, \$8.72; Cushing, \$1.38; Lohrville, \$10.00; Rockwell City, \$10.00; Wall Lake, \$5.10; Sioux City, First Church, \$12.00. Total, \$65.70.

To Indian Fund.—*To Nooksachks.*—Cushing, \$14.47; Fort Dodge, "Home Guards," \$5.00; George, \$5.02; Inwood, \$10.30; Sanborn, \$3.50; Salix, \$2.00. Total, \$40.29.

To King Home.—Center Chapel, \$9.02; Galva, \$13.00. Total, \$22.02.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Algona, Band, \$10.25; Clear Lake, Band, \$10.20; Cushing, Jewels, \$1.59; Early, Band, \$4.05; George, \$3.32; Grant City, \$2.00; Manson, \$2.00; Mapleton, \$2.00; Plover, \$1.17; Rockwell City, \$2.00; Sac City, Band, \$4.45; Sargent's Bluff, Band, \$2.00; Spencer, \$1.60; Sulphur Springs, \$2.00. Total, \$48.63.

Total to Special Fund \$467.04.

Grand Total \$1,269.91.

North-west Kansas Conference.

MRS. B. ARMSTRONG, Secretary.

MRS. J. P. FAIR, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CONCORDIA DISTRICT.—Beloit, \$5.00; Cuba, \$11.85; Mankato, \$57.50; South Center, \$1.75. Total, \$76.10.

OSBORNE DISTRICT.—Kirwin, \$2.00. Total, \$2.00.

OTHER SOURCES.—Conference collection, \$27.00. Total, \$27.00.

Total to General Fund \$105.10.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home*.—Mankato, \$26.00 (\$10 to name a window "W. J. Meredith"); Smith Center, \$10.00 (to name a window "R. A. Hoffman"). Total, \$36.00.

Total to Special Fund \$36.00.

Grand Total \$141.10.

Ohio Conference.

MISS ANNA DILL, Secretary.

MRS. L. H. RANKIN, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CHILlicothe DISTRICT.—Adelphi, \$15.50; Band, \$1.98; Chillicothe: Walnut Street, \$34.50; Circle, \$1.65; Band, \$4.63; Concord, \$3.50; Estelle Chapel, \$6.00; Frankfort, \$35.00; New Holland, \$15.50; Band, \$2.60; Richmond Dale, \$16.50; Selden, \$12.75; State Mills, \$17.90; South Salem, \$2.00; Washington C. H., \$34.20. Total, \$204.21.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.—Columbus: Broad Street, \$57.00; Young Ladies' Circle, \$25.00; Neil Avenue, \$18.00; Third Avenue, \$92.05; Young Ladies' Society, \$10.50; Third Street, \$7.25; Town Street, \$33.50; Wesley, \$39.75; Young Ladies' Society, \$50.25; New Albany, \$1.00. Total, \$334.30.

GALLIPOLIS DISTRICT.—Gallipolis, \$38.50; Circle, \$6.50; Jackson, \$15.75; Jackson Circuit, \$1.00; Portland, \$2.00; Racine, \$9.00; Rodney, \$1.00; Waterloo, \$2.00; Wellston, \$1.00. Total, \$76.75.

LANCASTER DISTRICT.—Circleville, \$31.53; Lancaster, \$17.00; Logan, \$18.25; Circle, \$1.10; South Perry, \$1.00. Total, \$68.88.

LONDON DISTRICT.—Delaware: St. Paul, \$48.26; Band, \$3.15; Harrisburg, \$11.50; Palestine, \$1.00; Stratford, \$16.49; Worthington, \$7.00. Total, \$87.40.

MARIETTA DISTRICT.—Amesville, \$1.00; Athens, \$56.25; Barlow, \$2.00; Marietta: First Church, \$22.00; Circle, \$0.50; Nelsonville, \$11.00; Zaleski, \$1.00. Total, \$93.75.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.—Denver, \$5.00; Ironton: Spencer Chapel, \$80.00; Circle, \$8.00; Portsmouth, Bigelow Chapel, \$66.00; Webster Circuit, \$11.00. Total, \$170.00.

ZANESVILLE DISTRICT.—Malta, \$34.55; Newark, \$26.50; Zanesville, \$36.75; Band, \$7.00. Total, \$104.80.

Total to General Fund \$1,140.09.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To E. L. Rust Home*.—Wesley, Young Ladies' Society, \$40.00. Total, \$40.00.

To Jesse Lee Home.—Portsmouth, Bigelow Chapel, \$15.80; Zanesville, \$26.50. Total, \$42.30.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Chillicothe, Walnut Street, Missionary Clips, \$50.00. Total, \$50.00.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$116.50.

To Special Fund.—*To Jesse Lee Home*.—Athens, \$21.75; Chillicothe, Walnut Street, \$50.00; Columbus: Broad Street, \$80.00; Helen McCabe's Circle, \$83.00; Merry Workers, \$23.75; Third Avenue, \$108.44; Young Ladies' Society, \$2.70; Band, \$24.95; Wesley, \$17.24; Young Ladies' Society, \$50.00; Bequest of Mrs. Mary Key Mills, \$82.00; Concord, \$14.00; Circleville, \$20.00; Delaware: St. Paul, \$87.01; Queen Esther Band, \$3.30; Frankfort, \$17.00; Gallipolis, \$60.00; Greenwood Mission, \$1.15; Hebron Benjamin Green, \$100.00; Harrisburg, \$5.00; Ironton, \$120.00; Lancaster, \$6.67; Camp Meeting, \$20.56; Logan, \$10.00; Band, \$3.85; Malta, \$32.29; Marietta, \$17.97; Marietta Camp Meeting, \$20.00; Nelsonville, \$5.00; New Holland, \$5.00; Busy Bee Band, \$5.00; Newark, \$50.11; New Salem, \$5.00; Portsmouth, Bigelow, \$100.00; Staunton, \$10.25; State Mills, \$27.00;

Band, \$2.50; Stratford, \$0.95; Washington C. H., \$40.00; Zanesville: Second Street, \$70.00; King's Messengers, Young Ladies' Society, \$18.00; Boys' Band, \$12.40; Mrs. G. H., \$10.00; From a friend, \$100.00 (London District). Total, \$1,543.84.

To Bohemian Work in Chicago.—Janesville, \$5.00. Total, \$5.00.

To King Home.—Columbus, Third Avenue, Young Ladies' Society, \$100.00. Total, \$100.00.

To Ritter Home.—Delaware: St. Paul, \$35.00; Self Denial offering, \$4.75. Total, \$39.75.

To Castle Garden.—Lancaster, \$25.27. Total, \$25.27.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home.—Delaware: St. Paul, \$2.62; Logan, \$0.03; (omitted last year) Washington, D. C., \$1.00. Total, \$3.65.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Columbus: Third Street, \$45.05; Golden Rule Band, \$18.75 (to furnish a room); Delaware, St. Paul, \$0.80; Ironton, \$51.00 (to furnish George Norton's room); Lancaster, \$0.50; Marietta, \$16.30 (to name a window "Marietta"); Selden, \$5.00; Stratford, \$1.00; Zanesville, \$8.30. Total, \$146.70.

Total to Special Fund \$1,864.21.

Grand Total \$3,120.80.

Oregon Conference.

MRS. M. E. BUSHONG, Secretary. MRS. S. C. SPANGLER, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—PORTLAND DISTRICT.—Hillsborough Charge, \$1.00; Mount Tabor, \$12.25; Portland: Circle, \$2.50; Band, \$5.40; Grace, \$15.00; Taylor Street, \$21.50. Total, \$57.65.

SALEM DISTRICT.—Albany, \$19.50; Dayton, \$2.00; Salem, \$30.00; Milton, \$3.80. Total, \$55.30.

OTHER SOURCES.—\$6.50, mite box money (without special credit). Total, \$6.50.

Total to General Fund \$119.45.

To Special Fund.—*To Jesse Lee Home.*—Oregon Conference without special credit, \$20.50; Portland, Mrs. S. J. Perry, \$100.00 (to name a room "Lottie L. Perry"). Total 120.50.

To Siletz Indians.—This money was raised by the Conference, and paid by them to the Siletz Tribe.—Forest Grove, \$0.25; Hillsborough, \$4.25; Mount Tabor, \$14.30; Portland, Taylor Street, \$25.00; Roseburg, \$3.00; Siletz Mission, \$4.30; Sellwood, \$5.00; Other collections, \$23.40. Total, 79.50.

Total to Special Fund \$200.00.

Grand Total \$319.45.

Philadelphia Conference.

MRS. C. W. BICKLEY, Secretary. MRS. ANNA M. CLARK, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—NORTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Philadelphia: East Allegheny, Circle, \$10.00; East Montgomery Avenue, \$10.00; Fifth Street, \$21.00; Frankford, \$66.00; Summerfield, \$28.75. Total, \$135.75.

NORTH-WEST PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Philadelphia: Germantown, Haines Street, \$97.00; St. Stephens, \$33.25; Grace, \$131.00; Park Avenue, \$54.00; Tabernacle, \$66.55; Tioga, \$27.52; Trinity, \$54.00; Pottsville, \$21.18; Reading, Fourth Street, \$8.00. Total, 492.50.

WEST PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Philadelphia: Christ Church, \$64.00; Green Street, \$44.00; Nineteenth Street, \$22.65; Radnor, \$12.00; Spring Garden, \$106.00. Total, \$248.65.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—Philadelphia, Arch Street, \$55.00; Chester: Madison Street, \$16.50; Chester Heights, \$10.00; Trinity, \$32.11; Ebenezer, \$43.40; St. Luke, \$29.00; Wharton Street, \$27.20. Total, \$213.21.

Total to General Fund \$1,090.11.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To 'Simpson Home.*—Philadelphia, Arch Street, \$20.00. Total, \$20.00.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$20.00.

To Special Fund.—*To Indian Fund.*—Philadelphia: Arch Street, \$10.00; Grace, \$6.46; St. Stephens, \$6.00; Summerfield, \$2.00; Chester, Madison Street Band, \$10.00. Total, 34.46.

To Utah.—Chester, Madison Street, Band, \$6.00. Total, \$6.00.

To Ritter Home.—Philadelphia: Grace, \$10.00. Total, \$10.00.

To Jesse Lee Home.—Chester, Trinity, \$10.00. Total, \$10.00.

To Haven Home Mission, Speedwell.—Germantown, Haines Street, Circle, \$70.00. Total, \$70.00.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home.—Philadelphia: Arch Street, \$5.00; Front Street, \$1.00; Germantown, Haines Street, \$5.00; Grace, \$10.00; Spring Garden, \$5.00; Wharton Street, \$11.00. Total, \$37.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Philadelphia: Arch Street, \$3.80; Ebenezer, \$2.00; Fifth Street, \$18.40; Grace, \$5.65; Green Street, \$13.25; Germantown, Haines Street, \$16.00; Pottsville, \$17.10; Prospect Park, Band, \$11.60; Trinity, \$4.00; Summerfield, \$2.00; Wharton Street, \$6.00. Total, \$99.80.

To Deaconess Home in Philadelphia.—Berwyn, \$2.00; Media, \$5.00; Norwood, \$3.50; Philadelphia: Arch Street, \$372.38; Broad Street, \$4.50; Bryn Mawr, St. Luke, \$15.50; Christ Church, \$88.00; Cookman, \$14.00; Cumberland Street, \$12.45; Chester, Madison Street, Band, \$10.00; South Chester, Band, \$12.50; Chester Heights, \$3.96; East Allegheny, Band, \$44.36; Circle, \$5.00; East Montgomery Avenue, \$12.09; Fifth Street, \$33.73; Red Ribbon Band, \$10.00; Frankford, \$14.45; Grace, \$312.39; Mathew Simpson Band, \$51.50; Green Street, \$247.73; Germantown, Haines Street, \$25.87; Circle, \$2.13; Nineteenth Street, \$25.00; Band, \$6.00; Pottsville, \$6.50; Park Avenue, \$79.00; Prospect Park, Band, \$30.76; Radnor, \$0.75; Reading, Ebenezer, \$19.88; Richmond, Young Ladies' Society, \$3.65; Siloam, \$97.34; St. John's, \$2.00; St. Stephens, \$10.20; Seventh Street, \$1.50; Spring Garden, \$309.43; Summerfield, \$32.71; Tabernacle, \$59.77; Tioga, \$1.00; Band, \$12.00; Trinity, \$222.50; Wharton Street, \$42.20; Conference collections, \$253.00; Contingent fund, \$107.58; Donations, \$73.62; A loan from friends, \$3.50. Total, \$3,049.43.

Total to Special Fund \$3,316.69.

Grand Total \$4,426.80.

Pittsburg Conference.

MRS. M. J. SCHOVER, Secretary.

MISS A. R. INGRAM, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—ALLEGHENY DISTRICT.—Allegheny: North Avenue, \$151.50; Mrs. Boggs, \$4.00; Circle, \$31.10; Union Church, \$21.75; Beaver, \$11.87; New Brighton, Circle, \$52.09; Sewickley, \$26.60. Total, \$298.91.

BLAIRSVILLE DISTRICT.—Blairsville, \$52.25; Indiana, \$56.25; Verona, \$11.11; Circle, \$2.00. Total, \$121.61.

McKEESPORT DISTRICT.—McKeesport, First Church, \$137.25; Wakefield Chapel, \$18.00; Uniontown, \$16.00. Total, \$171.25.

PITTSBURG DISTRICT.—Crafton, \$26.00; Little Gleaners, \$41.00; Pittsburg: Butler Street, \$145.50; Christ Church, \$17.00; Centenary, \$7.35; Emory, \$34.50; Circle, \$8.00; Fifth Avenue, \$21.15; Oakland, \$15.00; Smithfield Street, \$78.75; South Street, \$15.00; Wilksburg, \$75.00; Circle, \$4.40. Total, \$488.65.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.—Washington, Jefferson Street, \$76.00. Total, \$76.00.

To Coke Regions disbursed in the Conference.—Allegheny and Pittsburg Districts, \$11.42; Allegheny: North Avenue, \$4.50; Circle, 10.00;

Pittsburg: Butler Street, \$10.00; Centenary, \$11.05; Christ Church, \$61.00; from churches without organized auxiliaries, \$33.00. Total, \$140.97.

Total to General Fund \$1,297.39.

To Beneficiary Fund.—To Ritter Home.—Wilkinsburg Circle, \$30.00. Total, \$30.00.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$30.00.

To Special Fund.—To Jesse Lee Home.—Pittsburg, Butler Street, \$50.00; Verona, \$2.03. Total, \$52.03.

To Morristown Home.—Verona, \$1.69. Total, \$1.69.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home.—Mrs. S. H. Hamilton, \$20.00 (\$10.00 towards naming "John G. Whittier" room). Total, \$20.00.

To Peck Home.—Butler Epworth League, \$20.00. Total, \$20.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Allegheny, Lemont Furnace, \$5.00; North Avenue, Circle, \$1.70; New Brighton, Circle, \$6.60; Pittsburg, Emory Circle, \$1.90; Union Circle, \$5.05; Mrs. F. F. Dinger, \$100.00 (to name Memorial Hospital, "Jessie A. Dinger"); Sewickley, \$3.70; Verona, \$14.00 (to name a hospital bed "Verona"). Total, \$140.00.

To Deaconess Work disbursed in Pittsburg.—Allegheny: North Avenue, \$126.35; Circle, \$10.00; Crafton, \$16.00; Pittsburg: Butler Street, \$443.37 (this includes Mrs. Hamilton's \$20.00); Centenary, \$67.00; Christ Church, \$66.44; Emory, \$162.00; Smithfield Street, \$100.00; Smith Street, \$200.00; Wilkinsburg, \$51.19; Verona, \$28.00; District meeting, \$22.13. Total, \$1,292.48.

Total to Special Fund \$1,527.15.

Grand Total \$2,854.54.

Rock River Conference.

MRS. E. E. MARCY, Secretary.

MRS. MARY S. DYCHE, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CHICAGO DISTRICT.—Chicago: Normal Park, \$6.00; Oakland, \$44.00; South Park Avenue, \$22.20; South Evanston, Hemenway, \$4.00. Total, \$76.20.

DIXON DISTRICT.—Princeton, \$134.55; Rock Falls, \$23.55; Sterling, \$2.95. Total, \$161.05.

FREEMPORT DISTRICT.—Freeport: Embury Church, \$27.25; First Church, \$22.00; Galeua, \$15.00. Total, \$64.25.

JOLIET DISTRICT.—Aurora, First Church, \$56.90; Batavia, \$14.70; Joliet: Ottawa Street, \$95.42; Morris, \$13.00; Plano, \$20.50; Wheaton, \$6.00. Total, \$206.52.

NORTH CHICAGO DISTRICT.—Chicago, Western Avenue, \$20.00; Evanston, First Church, \$131.00; Lake Bluff, \$16.00; Oak Park, \$36.00; Rogers' Park, \$21.50; South Evanston, Hemenway, \$46.25; Waukegan, \$21.75; Wheaton, \$26.35. Total, \$318.85.

ROCKFORD DISTRICT.—Elgin, First Church, \$44.75; Grace, \$40.80; Rockford Union, \$108.00; Winnebago Street, \$0.46. Total, \$194.01.

Total to Districts \$1,020.88.

To Bohemian Work in Chicago.—Arlington Heights, \$5.00; Aurora, Circle, \$5.00; Batavia, \$50.00; Bohemian Mission, \$0.50; Chicago, \$52.51; Centenary, \$10.00; Cummings, \$2.00; Erie Street, \$5.00; Fulton Street, \$3.00; First Church, \$16.90; Grace, \$136.00; Guilford Union Sunday School, \$5.00; Irving Park, \$5.00; Langley Avenue, \$5.00; Normal Park, \$7.47; St. Paul, \$13.28; Sacramento Street, \$6.00; Paulina Street, \$4.00; South Park Avenue, \$50.68; Trinity, \$10.00; Wabash Avenue, \$5.00; Walnut Street, \$5.00; Western Avenue, \$75.00; Clyde, \$3.30; Des Plaines, collection, \$5.88; Elgin: First Church, \$25.25; Evanston, \$972.80; Freeport, Embury, \$5.60; Joliet, Ottawa Street, \$47.10; Maywood, \$5.00; Morris, \$5.00; Lake Bluff, \$28.65; Palatine, \$2.00; Plano, \$18.60; Princeton, \$20.95; Rock Falls,

\$40.00; Rogers' Park, \$67.09; Oak Park, \$37.83; South Evanston, Hemenway, \$76.11; Oakland, \$157.40; Ottawa: First Church, \$6.00; Second Church, \$1.66; Second Bohemian Mission, \$10.00; Turner, \$5.25; D. E. Ward, \$5.00; Waukegan, \$32.00; Wesley, \$5.00; Wheaton, \$5.00; Mrs. Emma Harris, \$50.00; Mrs. J. A. Reynolds, \$2.80; Mrs. F. H. Drummond, \$5.00; German Conference, \$7.00; North-west Swedish Conference, \$11.00; Conference collections, \$181.42; other sources, \$233.73. Total, \$2,556.76.
Total to General Fund \$3,577.64.

To Beneficiary Fund.—To Albuquerque.—Freeport, First Church, \$10.00. Total, \$10.00.

To Ritter Home.—Freeport, Embury Church, \$25.00. Total, \$25.00.

To Thayer Home.—Evanston, Mrs. Simeon Farwell, \$40.00. Total, \$40.00.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$75.00.

To Special Fund.—To Alaska.—Evanston, First Church, \$7.74; Genoa, \$10.00; Guilford, Sunday School Gleaners, \$70.00; Harlem, \$5.08; Oakland, \$39.85; Rockford Union, \$129.67; Rockford: Centennial, \$15.00; Christian Endeavor Society of Court Street, \$17.00; Winnebago, \$10.00; Circle, \$100.00; Miss Lizzie Shaw, \$100.00; Rockton, \$3.00; Rev. O. Hall, \$1.00; Epworth League, Grace, \$5.00; Epworth League, Ninth Street, \$10.00; Marengo Epworth League, \$10.00; Fielding Epworth League, \$10.00; Richmond Epworth League, \$5.00; Mapleton League, \$4.25; Dundee League, \$5.00. Total, \$557.59.

To Albuquerque.—Wheaton, \$10.00. Total, \$10.00.

To Morristown.—Kenwood, \$100.00. Total, \$100.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Chicago, Mrs. Ada Lozier Pettyjohn, \$10.00 (to name a window, "Wallace Hogarth Pettyjohn"); Elgin, Grace Church, Ruby Band, \$31.00; Joliet, Band, \$21.40; Roger's Park, \$4.00; Rockford Union, \$36.30. Total, \$102.70.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Home.—Oak Park, \$1.00. Total, \$1.00.

To Las Vegas.—Charter Grove, \$2.70; Dixon, \$2.00; Geneva, \$11.37; Lena, \$6.39; Ney, \$2.51; Sterling, \$1.00; Winnebago, \$3.54. Total, \$29.51.

Total to Special Fund \$800.80.

Grand Total \$4,453.44.

The whole amount of the General Fund, \$3,577.64 was disbursed to Bohemian work in Chicago by the Conference, and reported to the general Treasurer.

Of the Special Fund, the Treasurer received \$700.80. The remaining \$100.00 were disbursed by the Conference and reported by voucher.

St. Louis Conference.

MRS. C. V. CRISS, Secretary.

MRS. F. S. BEGGS, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CARTHAGE DISTRICT.—Carthage, \$4.25; Lamar, \$9.25. Total, \$13.50.

KANSAS CITY DISTRICT.—Independence, \$11.00; Kansas City, Dundee Place, \$10.00. Total, \$21.00.

LEBANON DISTRICT.—Richland, \$7.00; Rolla, \$18.10. Total, \$25.10.

ST. LOUIS DISTRICT.—St. Louis: Goode Avenue, \$6.00; Trinity, \$7.25. Total, \$13.15.

SEDALIA DISTRICT.—Sedalia: First Church, \$49.00. Total, \$49.00.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—Springfield: Benton Avenue, \$32.00; Grace Church, \$17.50; West Plains, \$4.50. Total, \$54.00.

OTHER SOURCES.—Conference offerings, \$8.00. Total, \$8.00.

Total to General Fund \$183.85.

To Special Fund.—To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Maple Grove, \$10.00 (to name a window); Springfield, Benton Avenue, \$18.00. Total, \$28.00.

Total to Special Fund \$28.00.

Grand Total \$211.85.

Southern California Conference.

MRS. MARY C. ROSS, Secretary. MRS. W. B. ABERNETHY, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—BY DISTRICTS.—Fresno District, \$87.00; Los Angeles, \$954.52; San Diego, \$469.13; Santa Barbara, \$222.00. Total, \$1,732.65.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home*.—Alhambra, Claude Wayne, \$2.00. Total, \$2.00.

Grand Total \$1,734.65.

\$108.00 sent to Treasurer, \$1,626.65 disbursed in Conference to Frontier work.

Southern Illinois Conference.

To General Fund.—LEBANON DISTRICT.—Belle River, \$15.55; Lebanon, \$2.10; Marengo, \$14.00. Total, \$31.65.

OTHER SOURCES.—Conference collections, \$52.00. Total, \$52.00.

Total to General Fund \$83.65.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home*.—Rock Island, \$20.00.

Total, \$20.00.

Total to Special Fund \$20.00.

Grand Total \$103.65.

South Kansas Conference.

MRS. J. H. FORD, Secretary.

MRS. M. V. ROBINS, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—EMPORIA DISTRICT.—Emporia, First Church, \$52.80; Virgil, \$4.00. Total, \$56.80.

FORT SCOTT DISTRICT.—Fort Scott, \$5.00. Total, \$5.00.

INDEPENDENCE DISTRICT.—Chetopa, \$20.20; Circle, \$1.03. Total, \$21.23.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.—Garnett, \$17.00. Total, \$17.00.

OTHER SOURCES.—Conference collection to make Mrs. L. M. Rhodes a life member, \$20.00. Total, \$20.00.

Total to General Fund \$120.03.

To Special Fund. *To Mothers' Jewels Home*.—Chetopa, \$11.00; Fort Scott, \$6.00; Virgil, \$2.00. Total, \$19.00.

Total to Special Fund \$19.00.

Grand Total \$139.03.

South-east Indiana Conference.

MRS. A. V. P. ADAMS, Secretary.

MRS. C. S. CHAFEE, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CONNERSVILLE DISTRICT.—Brookville, \$20.50; College Corner, \$12.25; Connerville, \$98.21; Band, \$27.89. Total, \$158.85.

INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT.—Franklin, \$14.00; Indianapolis: Central Avenue, \$53.00; Hall Place, \$45.50; Band, \$6.00; Roberts Park, \$89.75; Seventh Street, \$26.45; North Indianapolis, \$12.40; Band, \$1.53; Shelbyville, \$68.72; Band, \$4.00. Total, \$321.35.

MOORE'S HILL DISTRICT.—Greensburg, First Church, \$47.50; Lawrenceburg, \$7.50; Vevay, \$3.00. Total, \$58.00.

Total to General Fund \$538.18.

To Special Fund.—*To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Fund*.—Connerville, \$7.00; Greensburg, \$3.00. Total, \$10.00.

To Boylan Home.—Connerville, \$5.00.

Total, \$5.00.

To Jesse Lee Home.—Indianapolis, Central Avenue, \$10.00. Total, \$10.00.

To Ritter Home.—Franklin, \$6.11; Greensburg, First Church, \$25.00.
Total, \$31.11.

To Emerson Home.—Indianapolis: Fletcher Place, \$6.65; Roberts Park, \$100.00; Seventh Street, \$6.35; Irvington, \$5.00. Total, \$118.00.

To Italian and French Work in New Orleans.—Indianapolis, Roberts Park, \$10.00. Total, \$10.00.

To Asheville.—Brookville, \$4.25; Greensburg, First Church, \$42.00; Mapleton, Mr. Samuel Haneway, \$100.00 (to name a room, "Mary F. Haneway"); Waldron, \$2.00. Total, \$148.25.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Greensburg, First Church, \$1.00; Hall Place, \$21.50; Lawrenceburg, \$50.00 (to name a room, "Isabella Dolph"). Total, \$72.50.

Total to Special Fund \$404.86.

Grand Total \$943.04.

South-west Kansas Conference.

MRS. G. C. RAYMOND, Secretary.

MRS. H. M. BENTON, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—GARDEN CITY DISTRICT.—Dodge City, \$2.00.

Total, \$2.00.

LARNED DISTRICT.—Marion, \$13.68; Circle, \$3.10; Marion Circuit, \$2.50. Total, \$19.28.

NEWTON DISTRICT.—Hutchinson, \$47.13; Circle, \$5.75; Newton: First Church, \$35.00; Circle, \$6.60. Total, \$94.48.

WICHITA DISTRICT.—Wichita: First Church, \$12.00; Circle, \$10.00. Total, \$22.00.

WINFIELD DISTRICT.—Burden, \$3.25; Circle, \$1.20; Wellington, \$9.00; Winfield, \$26.15; Circle, \$7.00. Total, \$46.60.

Total to General Fund \$184.36.

To Special Fund.—*To Indian Fund.*—*To Ponca.*—Winfield, \$24.00; Mrs. Raymond, \$1.30. Total, \$25.30.

To Bohemian Work in Chicago.—Newton, \$5.00. Total, \$5.00.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Fund.—Winfield, \$3.00. Total, \$3.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Fund.—Hutchinson, \$2.00; Newton, Light Bearers, \$40.00; Winfield, \$1.20. Total, \$43.20.

Total to Special Fund \$76.50.

Grand Total \$260.86.

Troy Conference.

MRS. E. W. SIMPSON, Secretary.

MRS. HELENA IDE, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—ALBANY DISTRICT.—Albany: First Church, \$29.00; Ash Grove, \$57.00; Saint Luke's, \$16.00; Trinity, \$20.00; Amsterdam, Band, \$17.50; Esperance, \$1.00; Greenbush, \$50.00; Schenectady: Albany Street, \$10.70; Seward, \$12.50; Tribe's Hill, \$7.00. Total, \$220.70.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.—Bennington, \$16.00; Burlington, \$50.25; Band, \$20.00; Cambridge, \$10.00; Granville, \$14.55; Middlebury, \$13.00; Poultney, \$35.00; Rutland, \$18.90. Total, \$177.70.

PLATTSBURG DISTRICT.—Fort Ann, \$10.00; Fort Edward, \$17.00; Glen's Falls, \$27.00; Keeseville, \$1.00; Plattsburg, \$38.00; Sandy Hill, \$12.89; Saranac, \$5.00; South Glen's Falls, \$68.00; Valcour, \$9.50; Wadham's Mills, \$3.25; Whitehall, \$17.75; Westport, \$24.00. Total, \$233.39.

SARATOGA DISTRICT.—Broadalbin, Band, \$1.35; Cohoes, \$21.25; Gloversville: First Church, \$83.00; Fremont Street, \$60.00; Green Island, Band, \$5.00; Greenwich, \$32.00; Jonesville, \$47.00; Round Lake, \$52.00; Saratoga, \$37.35; Circle, \$8.00; Stillwater, \$7.00; Waterford, \$5.00.

Total, \$358.95.

TROY DISTRICT.—Boyntonville, \$7.25; Dalton, \$5.00; Hoosick Falls, \$28.50; Lansingburg: First Church, \$69.03; Hedding, \$23.05; Band, \$3.00; North Adams, \$15.00; Pittsfield, \$42.00; Band, \$14.56; Troy: Fifth Avenue, \$80.00; Pawling Avenue, \$5.00; State Street, \$39.50; West Troy, \$18.00.

Total, \$349.89.

OTHER SOURCES.—Conference offerings, \$50.00; Donation from Mrs. Caroline A. Culver, \$100.00.

Total, \$150.00.

Total to General Fund \$1,490.63.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*To Kent Home*.—Greenbush, \$20.00; Greensboro, \$20.00; Troy, Fifth Avenue, \$20.00; Conference collections, \$50.00.

Total, \$110.00.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Home.—Albany: First Church, \$5.00; Saint Luke's, \$5.00; Cohoes, \$5.00; Greenbush, \$5.00; Gloversville, First Church, \$5.00; Jonesville, \$5.00; Lansingburg, First Church, \$1.00; Rutland, \$5.00; Saratoga, \$4.00; Troy, Fifth Avenue, \$5.00; Valley Falls, \$5.00; West Troy, \$5.00; Whitehall, \$5.00; Conference collections, \$50.00. Total, \$110.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—South Glen's Falls, \$50.00. Total, \$50.00.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$270.00.

To Special Fund.—*To Bohemian Work in Chicago*.—Saratoga, \$2.50.

Total, \$2.50.

To Immigrant Work in New York.—Glen's Falls, \$10.00; Lansingburg, First Church, \$5.00; Sandy Hill, \$4.00; Troy, State Street, \$3.00.

Total, \$22.00.

To Indian Work.—*To Albuquerque*.—Sandy Hill, \$5.09. Total, \$5.09.

To Apaches.—Round Lake, a friend, \$200.11. Total, \$200.11.

To Navajoes.—Albany: Ash Grove, \$5.00; First Church, \$10.00; Saint Luke's, \$2.00; Moriah, \$5.00; Pittsfield, Band, \$8.03; Sandy Hill, \$0.50; South Glen's Falls, \$6.00; Troy, Fifth Avenue, \$5.00; West Troy, \$17.05.

Total, \$58.58.

To Ponca.—Troy, Fifth Avenue, \$13.00. Total, \$13.00.

To Kent Home.—From girls in Kent Home, \$73.54. Total, \$73.54.

To Jesse Lee Home.—Round Lake, \$5.00; Sandy Hill, \$2.62; Saratoga, \$2.50. Total, \$10.12.

To Morristown Home.—Gloversville, First Church, \$5.00. Total, \$5.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Albany: Ash Grove, \$17.00; Burlington, \$20.00; Glen's Falls, \$91.00; Gloversville, Fremont Street, \$18.19; Keeseville, \$4.00; Lansingburg, Hedding Church, \$2.00; Pittsfield, Band, \$46.30; Poultney, Band, \$9.85; Raceville, \$10.00; Sandy Hill, \$26.70; Schenectady, Albany Street, \$37.30; Troy, Fifth Avenue, \$2.00; Waterford, \$10.00; Westport, \$1.80; Conference Academy, \$14.15. Total, \$310.29.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Home.—Albany, Ash Grove, \$6.00; Cohoes, \$1.00; Gloversville, First Church, \$2.00; Greenbush, \$5.00; Hoosick Falls, \$5.00; Troy, Fifth Avenue (to name Whittier room), \$5.00. Total, \$24.00.

Total to Special Fund \$724.22.

Grand Total \$2,484.85.

Upper Iowa Conference.

MRS. M. ALSPAUGH, Secretary.

MRS. R. B. VAN NESS, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CEDAR FALLS DISTRICT.—Allison, \$2.00; Cedar Falls, \$13.75; Clarksville, \$2.00; Hansell, \$1.00; Janesville, \$9.25; Band, \$2.75; Mount Auburn, \$10.00; Nashua, \$6.18; New Hartford, \$1.00; Rockford, \$18.25; Waterloo, First Church, \$18.50; Waverly, \$19.50.

Total, \$104.18.

CEDAR RAPIDS DISTRICT.—Anamosa, \$37.85 (including \$5.00 from Rev. B. Isbell); Cedar Rapids, \$28.00; Trinity Church, \$2.00; Center Point, \$1.00; Garrison, \$1.00; Iowa City, \$25.50; Marion, \$31.00; Prairie Chapel,

\$11.50; Wesley Chapel, \$4.00; Mount Vernon, \$90.00 (including \$20.00 in memory of Theodore T. Phillips); Shellsburg, \$2.00; Springfield, \$9.50; Tipton Circuit, \$1.00. Total, \$243.55.

DAVENPORT DISTRICT.—Center Junction, \$13.05; Clinton, \$49.05; Band, \$0.75; Willing Workers, \$1.00; Bowman Church, \$3.75; Davenport: First Church, \$48.33; Fourteenth Street, \$12.00; DeWitt, \$20.25; Elwood, \$1.00; Inland, \$5.00; Maquoketa, \$16.35; Monmouth, \$1.00; Vernon Prairie, \$20.75; Wyoming Circle, \$6.00; Band, \$1.08. Total, \$199.36.

DECORAH DISTRICT.—Hawkeye, \$3.00. Total, \$3.00.

DUBUQUE DISTRICT.—Brush Creek, \$1.50; Cascade, \$2.00; Center Grove, \$2.00; Dubuque, \$55.00; Earlville Circle, \$1.00; Epworth, \$14.75; Farley, \$17.25; Fayette, \$28.00; Hopkinton, \$24.70; Independence, \$25.50; Lamont, \$7.00; Manchester, \$185.66; Circle, \$7.75; Winthrop, \$4.60. Total, \$376.71.

MARSHALLTOWN DISTRICT.—Belle Plain, \$23.00; Blairstown, \$15.11; Hampton, \$38.00; Haven, \$14.05; Iowa City, \$1.00; Mason City, \$32.25; Circle, \$6.00; Morrison, \$10.00; Sheffield, \$2.00. Total, \$141.41.

Uncredited, \$7.05. Total, \$7.05.

To Frontier work.—Dubuque, \$27.00. Total, \$27.00.

Total to General Fund \$1,099.26.

To Special Fund.—*To Boylan Home*.—Anamosa, a friend, \$50.00.

Total, \$50.00.

To Jesse Lee Home.—Davenport, First Church, \$18.10; Maquoketa, \$20.00. Total, \$38.10.

To Browning Home.—Dubuque, \$15.00; Marion, \$15.00; By Mrs. Springer, \$40.00. Total, \$70.00.

To Peck Home.—Iowa City, \$5.00. Total, \$5.00.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Home.—Anamosa, \$23.00; Cedar Rapids, \$1.11; Clinton, \$10.00; Davenport, First Church, \$5.00; Davenport District Association, \$2.10; DeWitt, \$5.00; Dubuque, \$8.45; Farley, \$5.00; Fayette, \$10.00; Hopkinton, \$2.00; Independence, \$11.00; Manchester, \$88.34; Maquoketa, \$4.00; Vernon Prairie, \$10.00; Waterloo, \$10.00; Waverly, \$10.00. Total, \$205.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Chapin, \$2.00; Davenport, First Church, \$7.30; Dubuque, \$18.00; Earlville Circle, \$4.00; Hopkinton, \$17.00; Iowa City, \$45.50; Janesville, \$10.60; Marion, \$30.50; Mason City, \$18.00; Mount Vernon, \$41.00 (to name windows for John J. and Mary A. Bochstaller, including \$10.00 from the Epworth League to name window for Wm. B. Hurlburt); Preston, \$16.00; Strawberry Point, \$4.00; Waterloo, First Church, \$26.00; Waverly, \$52.50; Winthrop, \$2.00. Total, \$294.40.

To Spencer Home.—Mason City, \$61.21; Band, \$7.14. Total, \$68.35.

To Indian Fund.—*To Pawhuska*.—(No special credit) \$50.00.

Total, \$50.00.

Total to Special Fund \$780.85.

Grand Total \$1,880.11.

Vermont Conference.

MRS. J. O. SHERBURN, Secretary. MRS. C. H. FARNSWORTH, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—MONTPELIER DISTRICT.—Barre, \$84.65; Cabot, \$5.00; Groton, \$6.75; Montpelier, \$28.00; Mrs. N. J. Covell, \$30.00; Moretown, \$4.00; Northfield, \$29.00; Plainfield, \$3.00; Randolph, \$5.00; Waitsfield and Fayston, \$13.30; West Randolph, \$7.00; a friend, \$2.00. Total, \$217.70.

ST. ALBANS DISTRICT.—Enosburg Falls, \$37.20; Fairfax, \$11.65; Franklin Circle, \$7.00; Georgia, \$11.00; Morrisville, \$5.00; St. Albans, \$41.25; Sheldon Circle, \$12.25; West Berkshire, \$13.00. Total, \$138.35.

ST. JOHNSBURY DISTRICT.—Derby, \$50.00; Derby Line, \$3.00; Glover,

\$7.00; Hartland, \$3.00; Island Pond, \$2.00; St. Johnsbury, \$10.50; West Burke, \$17.00; Westfield Circle, \$5.00; Band, \$1.00. Total, \$98.50.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—Ascutneyville, \$11.00; Bellows' Falls, \$18.25; Bradford, \$30.61; Claremont Union, Circle, \$2.00; Springfield Circle, \$7.05; Union Village, \$14.00; Wardsborough, \$8.00; White River Junction, \$14.00; Woodstock and Quechee, \$41.62; Circle, \$1.00. Total, \$147.53.

OTHER SOURCES.—Conference offerings, \$64.00; by Charles R. Magee, from Conference collections, \$48.00. Total, \$112.00.

Total to General Fund \$714.08.

To Beneficiary Fund.—*Jesse Lee Home.*—Northfield Circle, \$52.00.

Total, \$52.00.

Total to Beneficiary Fund \$52.00.

To Special Fund.—*To Indian Fund.*—*To Navajoes.*—Georgia, \$2.00; St. Johnsbury, \$5.50; West Randolph, \$4.00; a friend, \$5.00.

Total, \$16.50.

To Boylan Home.—Ascutneyville, \$2.00; Bellows Falls, \$5.00; Woodstock and Quechee, \$5.00. Total, \$12.00.

To Emerson Home.—Bellows Falls, \$5.00; Mrs. J. Covell, \$20.00; Claremont Union, \$13.90. Total, \$38.90.

To King Home.—Mooresville Camp, \$12.00; Northfield Camp, \$2.50. Total, \$14.50.

To Italian Work in New York City.—Saint Johnsbury, \$10.00.

Total, \$10.00.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home.—Montpelier, \$1.00.

Total, \$1.00.

To Jesse Lee Home.—Barre, \$35.15; Epworth League, \$5.00; Weltha Hicks, \$5.00; A. E. Covell, \$20.00; Mrs. William Walbridge, \$1.00; Barton, \$5.00; Bradford, \$1.75; Bellows Falls, \$25.00; Cabot, \$7.00; Enosburg Falls, \$11.00; Fairfax, \$4.00; Hartland, \$2.50; Northfield, \$3.25; St. Albans, \$8.00; St. Johnsbury, \$15.50; Mrs. P. W. Granger, \$3.00; Union Village, \$2.00; Mrs. H. F. Forrest, \$2.00; Woodstock, \$5.00; Mrs. D. Wells, \$1.00; Waitsfield and Fayston, \$6.00. Total, \$168.15.

To Immigrant Work in Boston.—Barre, Epworth League, \$5.00; Hartland, \$2.00; West Burke, \$5.00; Vermont Conference, \$100.00, without special credits. Total, \$112.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Bradford, \$12.00; Derby, \$6.00; Hartland, \$12.00; Montpelier, \$6.30; Norwich, "a friend," to name a room in memorial, \$100.00; Randolph, \$8.70; Troy Conference Academy, \$22.00; Union Village, \$4.00; Waitsfield and Fayston, \$15.10; Woodstock, \$18.00. Total, \$198.10.

Total to Special Fund \$571.15.

Grand Total \$1,337.23.

West Nebraska Conference.

MRS. E. SMITH, Secretary.

MRS. G. L. HAIGHT, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—CHADRON DISTRICT.—Ainsworth, "King's Daughters," \$14.00; Valentine, \$5.00. Total, \$19.00.

INDIANOLA DISTRICT.—Holdredge, \$3.00; Circle, \$5.00; Minden, \$14.50. Total, \$22.50.

KEARNEY DISTRICT.—Gibbon, \$11.00; Kearney, \$20.50; Ord, \$6.00. Total, \$37.50.

SIDNEY DISTRICT.—North Platte, \$8.40; Wallace, \$3.00. Total, \$11.40.

OTHER SOURCES.—Conference offerings, \$33.60; Membership dues, \$3.25. Total, \$36.85.

Total to General Fund \$127.25.

To Special Fund.—*To Mothers' Jewels Home.*—Gibbon, \$0.68; Kear-

ney, \$50.50; Minden, \$2.00; North Platte, \$16.00; Conference collection, \$40.00 (to name a room "West Nebraska Conference"); Collection, \$10.00 (to endowment fund). Total, \$119.18.

Total to Special Fund \$119.18.

Grand Total \$246.43.

West Texas Conference.

MRS. L. A. WESTBROOKS, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund.—AUSTIN DISTRICT.—Austin: Wesley Chapel, \$3.00; Bastrop and Smithville, \$1.00; Belton and Temple, \$1.00; Calvert and Mount Zion, \$1.00; Davilla, \$1.00; Maysfield and Giddings, \$2.00.

Total, \$9.00.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.—Alleyton and Eagle Lake, \$1.00; Ellinger, \$1.00; Luling, \$1.00.

Total, \$3.00.

SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT.—Cuero, \$1.00; Famin, \$1.00; Lavernia and Mt. Pleasant, \$3.00; Pleasanton, \$1.00.

Total, \$6.00.

WACO DISTRICT.—Blooming Grove, \$1.00; Bremond, \$1.00; Bowman Chapel, \$1.00; Denison and Pilot Point, \$1.00.

Total, \$4.00.

Grand Total \$22.00.

The Treasurer received \$11.00, one-half of the dues; the other half was spent in the Conference.

West Wisconsin Conference.

MRS. M. BENSON, Secretary.

MRS. W. H. TROY, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—EAU CLAIRE DISTRICT.—Augusta, \$5.00; Eau Claire, Lake Street, \$31.85; Esdaile, \$11.75; Elsworth, \$3.00; Menomonee, \$2.00; Hudson, \$33.75; Ono, \$15.00.

Total, \$102.35.

LA CROSSE DISTRICT.—Black River Falls, \$26.75; Bloom City, \$1.00.

Total, \$27.75.

MADISON DISTRICT.—Monroe, \$15.46; Verona, \$4.00.

Total, \$19.46.

PLATTEVILLE DISTRICT.—Belmont, \$3.00 (by Mrs. Springer); Benton, \$2.00; Fennimore, \$2.25; Georgetown, \$5.50; Montfort, \$3.25; Platteville, \$26.00; Circle, \$9.56; Band, \$1.05.

Total, \$52.61.

PORTAGE DISTRICT.—Baraboo, \$75.00; Big Springs, \$4.55; New Lisbon, \$4.00; Portage, \$4.25.

Total, \$87.80.

OTHER SOURCES.—Conference Society, \$3.75.

Total, \$3.75.

Total to General Fund \$293.72.

To Special Fund.—*To Spencer Home.*—Black River Falls, \$10.00.

Total, \$10.00.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home.—Hudson, \$10.00.

Total, \$10.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Augusta, \$10.00; Black River Falls, \$1.70; Colby, \$1.00; Eau Claire, Lake Street, \$65.00; Excelsior, \$8.00; Hudson, \$8.00; Monroe, \$0.60; Monroe Circuit, \$5.00.

Total, \$99.30.

Total to Special Fund \$119.30.

Grand Total \$413.02.

Wilmington Conference.

MRS. EMMA L. WELDIN, Secretary.

MRS. J. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

To General Fund.—WILMINGTON DISTRICT.—Elkton, \$35.25; New Castle, \$34.96; Port Deposit, \$25.15; Rising Sun, \$16.00; Wilmington: Asbury, \$42.25; Epworth, \$26.75; Grace, \$63.05; Band, \$6.00; St. Paul, \$67.30; Scott, \$47.00; Union, \$29.75.

Total, \$393.46.

EASTON DISTRICT.—Centerville, \$6.25; Chestertown, \$25.75; Easton, Ebenezer, \$26.75; Middletown, \$30.00.

Total, \$88.75.

DOVER DISTRICT.—Church Creek, \$2.00.	Total, \$2.00.
SALISBURY DISTRICT.—Newark, \$28.50; Salisbury, \$12.75; Snow Hill, \$19.00.	Total, \$60.25.
OTHER SOURCES.—Conference gleanings, \$92.00.	Total, \$92.00.
Total to General Fund	\$636.46.
To Beneficiary Fund. — <i>To Ritter Home.</i> —Newark, Band, \$15.00 (to Stella Gorman).	Total, \$15.00.
<i>To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home.</i> —Wilmington: St. Paul, \$20.00; Scott, \$20.00.	Total, \$40.00.
<i>To Mothers' Jewels Home.</i> —Wilmington, Grace, \$20.00.	Total, \$20.00.
Total to Beneficiary Fund	\$75.00.
To Special Fund. — <i>To Alaska.</i> —Elkton, \$5.00; Mount Pleasant, \$5.00; Snow Hill, \$7.25.	Total, \$17.25.
<i>To Ritter Home.</i> —Wilmington, Grace, \$121.35 (to name and furnish Martha J. Gause room).	Total, \$121.35.
<i>To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Home.</i> —Wilmington, Grace, \$15.00 (towards naming the John G. Whittier room); Wilmington, \$10.00 (prize money).	Total, \$25.00.
<i>To Navajoes.</i> —New Castle, \$1.00.	Total, \$1.00.
<i>To Mothers' Jewels Home.</i> —New Castle, \$5.10; Newark, Band, \$9.00; Port Deposit, \$4.80; Snow Hill, \$0.30; Summit Camp, \$4.00; Wilmington: Asbury, \$10.50 (to name a window); Epworth, \$10.00 (to name a window); Grace, \$10.00 (to name a window "Josephine Robinson"); Band, \$13.60; Scott, \$12.00; St. Paul, \$2.00; Union, \$1.00; Summit Camp, \$4.00; Snow Hill, \$0.30; Other sources, \$3.00.	Total, \$89.60.
Total to Special Fund	\$254.20.
Grand Total	\$965.66.

Wisconsin Conference.

MRS. R. W. BATES, Secretary and Treasurer.

To General Fund. —Appleton, \$24.00; Danville, \$3.30; Fond du Lac, \$18.78; York, \$6.02; By Conference, \$5.00.	Total, \$57.10.
Total to General Fund	\$57.10.
To Special Fund. — <i>To Mothers' Jewels Fund.</i> —Appleton, \$11.00.	Total, \$11.00.
Total to Special Fund	\$11.00.
Grand Total	\$68.10.

Wyoming Conference.

MRS. E. ROBINS, Secretary.

MRS. GRACE CRARY, Treasurer.

To General Fund. —BINGHAMTON DISTRICT.—Binghamton: Centenary, \$76.50; High Street, \$30.50; Tabernacle, \$89.00; Willing Workers, \$10.75.	Total, \$206.75.
CHENANGO DISTRICT.—Norwich, \$27.45; Band, \$2.22.	Total, \$29.67.
HONESDALE DISTRICT.—Carbondale, \$28.00; Dunmore, \$32.00; Band, \$7.05; Jermy, \$23.00.	Total, \$90.05.
ONEONTA DISTRICT.—Milford, \$9.00; Oneonta, \$10.00.	Total, \$19.00.
OWEGO DISTRICT.—Newark Valley, \$19.25; Band, \$2.50; Owego, \$17.50; Waverly, \$23.50.	Total, \$62.75.
WYOMING DISTRICT.—Green Ridge, \$12.00; Kingston, \$24.75; Nanticoke, \$16.00; Scranton, First Church, \$41.00; Providence, \$9.00; Simpson, \$30.50; Tunkhannock, \$4.00; West Pittston, \$29.00; Band, \$2.56; Wilkesbarre: Central Church, \$49.75; First Church, \$19.00; Band, \$3.50; Franklin Street, \$3.00; Sidney Camp Meeting, \$1.00; Wyoming Camp Meeting, \$3.00.	Total, \$248.06.
Total to General Fund	\$656.28.

To Special Fund.—*To Alaska.*—Auburn, \$1.00; Binghamton: Centenary, \$15.00; Tabernacle, \$80.88; Willing Workers, \$10.00; Brooklyn, \$1.00; Oneonta, \$11.25; Scranton, Simpson, \$10.87; Sherburne, \$1.00; Springville, \$2.00; Union, \$2.00; Waverly, \$1.00; West Pittston, \$22.00.

Total, \$158.00.

To Immigrant Work in New York City.—Edmeston, \$1.00; Kingston, \$20.00; Lake Como, \$1.00; New Berlin, \$1.00; New Milford, \$1.00; Newton, \$1.00; Nickolson, \$1.00; North Fenton, \$1.00; Oneonta, \$6.75; Oxford, \$6.00; Scranton, Providence, \$5.00; Sterling, \$1.00; Wilkesbarre, First Church, \$30.00.

Total, \$75.75.

To Immigrant Work in East Boston.—Wilkesbarre, \$50.00.

Total, \$50.00.

To Italian Home in New York City.—Barton, \$2.00; Binghamton, \$1.00; Carbondale, \$3.00; Cooperstown, \$3.00; High Street, \$3.00; Dunmore, \$4.10; Flemingsville, \$1.00; Forest City, \$1.00; Gouldsboro, \$1.00; Honesdale, \$2.00; Green Ridge, \$10.00; Lehman, \$1.00; Litchfield, \$1.00; Luzerne, \$1.00; Moriah, \$3.25; Band, \$1.30; Pittston, \$2.00; Peckville, \$1.00; Owego, \$1.00; Scranton: First Church, \$15.00; Simpson, \$9.15; South Danby, \$1.00; Thompson, \$1.00; Uniondale, \$1.00; Wilkesbarre, Franklin Street, Band, \$14.00; Yatesville, \$1.00.

Total, \$84.80.

To Navajoes.—Binghamton, Centenary Church, \$30.00; Scranton, Simpson Church, \$1.00; Waverly, \$10.00; West Pittston, \$3.00; Wilkesbarre, Franklin Street, Band, \$6.00.

Total, \$50.00.

To King Home.—Scranton, First Church, \$50.00.

Total, \$50.00.

To Mothers' Jewels Home.—Binghamton, Tabernacle, \$4.75; Willing Workers, \$20.00; Carbondale, \$1.25; Dunmore, Band, \$32.00; Kingston, \$23.00; Milford, \$0.10; Nanticoke, \$17.50; Owego, \$9.15; Scranton, Simpson Church, \$23.40; First Church, \$2.10; Tunkhannock, \$1.00; Warsaw, \$15.00; Waverly, \$2.00; West Pittston, \$20.00; Wilkesbarre, Central, \$2.00; First Church, \$7.30; Franklin Street, \$2.00.

Total, \$182.55.

To Ritter Home.—Mrs. P. J. Bennett, Wilkesbarre, \$500.00.

Total, \$500.00.

To Thayer Home.—Dunmore, \$5.00; Newark Valley, \$20.00; Nanticoke, \$5.00; Wilkesbarre, Central Church, \$20.00.

Total, \$50.00.

Total to Special Fund \$1,201.10.

Grand Total \$1,857.38.

Other Sources.

To General Fund.—*Miscellaneous.*—Miss Meade, \$1.00; Mrs. Day, \$1.00; Idaho, Central Park, \$5.50; Little Rock, Adeline Smith Band, \$2.95; Las Vegas, \$33.25; Oklahoma, \$17.81; Salt Lake City, \$3.25; Thousand Islands Park, \$11.00; Mrs. Thompson, \$0.90; Mr. Perrin, \$10.00; Mrs. Steward, \$3.00; Mrs. Stockdale, \$1.00; Mr. Hughes, \$1.00; Mr. Clifton, \$1.00; a friend, \$1.00; to property sold at Pawhuska, \$357.87; by Mrs. McCabe, \$100.00; to tuition and other receipts of Browning Home, \$412.89; to East Boston Immigrant's Home, credit, \$276.66; to rent of lot at Camden, \$55.00; to tuition and sales at Asheville, \$247.71; rent, \$33.24; from photographs, \$13.15; Mrs. Sarah N. Boughton's bequest, \$1,175.65; interest for one year, \$70.54; credits in the several Methodist Book Concerns from Conferences and donations, \$1,500.00; from Mrs. Rust, \$151.80; Castle Garden credits, \$537.91; on reports, \$4.56; at Annual Meeting, \$1.40; to advertisement, Starkey and Palen, \$30.00; Mrs. Potter's credits, Red Key, \$13.50; Rockford, Ill., \$1.50; Mrs. Griffith's credits, \$17.00; Mrs. Shoemaker, \$5.00; Kirkland, \$4.80; Woodstock and Franklinville, \$5.12; Arkansas Conference, \$10.00; Kansas, \$4.75; Louisiana, \$18.00; Michigan, \$10.00; North-west Swedish, Chicago: Fifth Avenue, \$12.00; Market Street, \$4.00; Savannah, \$2.00; South Carolina, \$1.50; South-east Indiana, \$5.00; Southern Illinois, \$6.00; Virginia, \$13.00; Washington, \$29.00;

United States Government to Indian work, through General Fund, \$2,-
259.55; \$349.17, omissions last year. Total, \$7,832.93.

Total to General Fund \$7,832.93.

To Special Fund.—To Jesse Lee Home.—United States Government,
\$1,913.99; Miss Meade, \$5.00; Pelzer, S. C., King's Daughters, \$6.00;
Waterbury, Central Church, King's Daughters, \$2.50; friends, to Alaska,
\$50.00. Total, \$1,977.49.

To Dulce.—By Miss Moore, a friend, \$75.00; Cuba, Kan., \$5.00; Rev.
J. M. Palmer, \$5.00; Pueblo ladies, \$4.00. Total, \$89.00.

To Albuquerque.—Mrs. DePauw, \$25.00. Total, \$25.00.

To Lucy Webb Hayes Memorial Fund.—Mrs. Day, \$1.00; Hereford,
Pa., \$10.00; Miss Meade, \$5.00; a friend, \$50.00. Total, \$66.00.

To Mothers' Jewels.—Miss Meade, \$5.00; L. Virgil Lewis, \$2.00; Al-
bertha Shelden, \$0.80; Bradford, \$2.65; Adena, \$2.00; Bellevue, \$10.00;
Thousand Islands Park, \$32.00; Urbana Camp, \$20.00; Morgantown, Mrs.
Day's Sunday School class, \$1.50; Texas Conference, through Mrs.
Howells, \$4.00; from little girls at Saratoga, \$10.00; Nettie Reynolds,
\$2.00; Mrs. Griffith, \$35.00; a friend to children (in a note), \$1,000.00; Mrs.
Gates, \$50.00; Mrs. Brown, \$5.00; Mrs. Sanders, \$10.00; children of vari-
ous States, \$47.61. Total, \$1,239.56.

To Asheville.—Visitors, and friends of the Home, \$82.00. Total, \$82.00.

Total to Special Fund \$3,479.05.

Grand Total \$11,311.92.

Summary.

Receipts for General Fund.

CONFERENCES.

Baltimore	\$ 1,056.29
California	1,495.85
Central Illinois	187.79
Central Missouri	33.35
Central New York	1,002.07
Central Ohio	1,060.64
Central Pennsylvania	616.52
Cincinnati	2,344.69
Colorado	261.90
Columbia River	191.03
Des Moines	108.75
Detroit	2,687.40
East Maine	75.50
East Ohio	1,355.85
East Tennessee	34.83
Erie	1,169.95
Genesee	353.26
Holston	63.25
Illinois	606.81
Indiana	36.60
Iowa	352.90
Kansas	188.05
Kentucky	27.00

CONFERENCES.

Lexington	\$ 99.15
Little Rock	37.40
Louisiana	5.00
Maine	504.15
Michigan	1,697.12
Minnesota	258.08
Missouri	41.15
Nebraska	1,162.96
Newark	1,617.66
New England	1,887.12
New England Southern	1,082.73
New Hampshire	536.97
New Jersey	874.12
New York	1,947.21
New York East	1,383.22
North Indiana	644.01
North Nebraska	211.20
North Ohio	1,001.15
Northern New York	938.06
North-west Indiana	222.16
North-west Iowa	761.43
North-west Kansas	105.10
Ohio	1,140.09

CONFERENCES.

Oregon	\$ 119.45
Philadelphia	1,090.11
Pittsburg	1,297.39
Rock River	3,577.64
St. Louis	183.85
Southern California	1,732.65
Southern Illinois	83.65
South Kansas	120.03
South-east Indiana	538.18
South-west Kansas	184.36
Troy	1,490.63
Upper Iowa	1,099.26
Vermont	714.08

CONFERENCES.

West Nebraska	\$ 127.25
West Texas	22.00
West Wisconsin	293.72
Wilmington	639.46
Wisconsin	57.10
Wyoming	656.28
Other Sources	7,832.93

Borrowed from Special Fund	31,087.77
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\$ 87,215.31

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Expenditures of General Fund.

Paid loan borrowed last year from Special Fund	\$ 28,846.72
Missionaries:	
" In the South	13,133.99
" In New Mexico:	
" Spanish	3,563.02
" Indian	800.00
" In Utah	4,207.92
" Indian Work in Agencies	3,820.73
" East Boston, Immigrants' Home	1,411.30
" Philadelphia Deaconess Work	500.00
Mothers' Jewels Home:	
" To Salaries	1,288.30
" To Improvements	876.23
" To Implements	200.00
" To Current Expenses	1,954.31
Frontier Work in Conferences, reported by vouch-ers:	
" California	1,277.30
" Colorado	130.95
" Detroit	1,877.83
" Kansas	77.00
" Kentucky	72.25
" Michigan	1,288.12
" North-west Kansas	25.00
" Nebraska	98.50
" Oregon	25.00
" Pittsburg, coke regions	140.97
" Southern California	1,626.65

Paid Savannah	\$ 40.00
" West Texas	11.00
" Industrial Home in Brooklyn	520.00
" Bohemian Work in Chicago	3,577.64
Homes — Repairs, Furnishings and Incidentals:	
" A. M. Smith	549.15
" Asheville	1,072.02
" Boylan	326.76
" Browning	576.25
" E. L. Rust	96.19
" Haven	1,405.50
" Morristown	488.60
" Peck	274.64
" Simpson	295.40
" Speedwell	138.73
" Thayer	311.18
" Printing, Engraving, Lithographing and Architects	2,559.36
" Secretaries and Organizers in Conferences	778.59
" Expenses of Executive Board	1,397.57
" General Organizers, Salaries and Travel	2,089.85
" Clerical Help and Office Expenses	1,145.26
" Insurance, Interest, Legal Claims and Taxes	2,013.75
" Supply Department	114.00
" Advertisements	191.78
	\$ 87,215.31

Receipts for Beneficiary Fund.

CONFERENCES.		CONFERENCES.	
Baltimore	\$ 37.00	New Hampshire	\$ 70.00
California	120.00	New York	19.60
Central New York	52.37	North Nebraska	9.23
Central Ohio	166.60	North Ohio	111.50
Central Pennsylvania	50.00	Northern New York	85.20
Cincinnati	116.40	North-west Indiana	58.00
Colorado	51.15	North-west Iowa	82.44
Columbia River	102.34	Ohio	116.50
Detroit	81.00	Philadelphia	20.00
East Tennessee	6.00	Pittsburg	30.00
Erie	25.00	Rock River	75.00
Genesee	190.00	Troy	270.00
Holston	44.55	Vermont	52.00
Illinois	38.37	Wilmington	75.00
Indiana	60.00		
Iowa	18.50		
Minnesota	50.00		
Nebraska	282.05		
Newark	214.50		
New England	383.98		
New England Southern	134.00		
		Borrowed from Special	\$ 3,298.28
		Fund	267.45
			\$ 3,565.73

Expenditures of Beneficiary Fund.

Paid loan borrowed last		Paid Peck	\$ 128.55
year + from Special		“ Ritter	94.55
Fund	\$ 1,494.89	“ Simpson	150.00
Students in Homes :		“ Thayer	290.00
“ A. M. Smith	75.00	“ Lucy W. Hayes Home	79.40
“ Asheville	27.00	“ Mothers' Jewels	
“ Boylan	314.91	Home	316.28
“ Browning	148.60	“ Chinese Girls, San	
“ E. L. Rust	135.00	Francisco	120.00
“ King	10.00		
“ Kent	181.55		
			\$ 3,565.73

Receipts for Special Fund.

Balance from last year . \$	31,349.22	CONFERENCES.	
CONFERENCES.		Illinois	\$ 275.20
Baltimore	1,527.24	Indiana	33.60
California	3,521.83	Iowa	28.90
Central Illinois	60.56	Kansas	152.64
Central New York	639.13	Kentucky	105.00
Central Ohio	1,696.37	Louisiana	12.05
Central Pennsylvania	222.54	Maine	211.53
Cincinnati	7,571.27	Michigan	2,478.40
Colorado	134.40	Minnesota	25.00
Columbia River	17.25	Missouri	16.19
Des Moines	12.00	Nebraska	3,523.44
Detroit	2,224.34	Newark	1,496.61
East Maine	33.50	New England	8,296.26
East Ohio	716.31	New England Southern	369.27
Erie	536.17	New Hampshire	359.12
Florida	1,277.84	New Jersey	634.17
Genesee	1,856.26	New York	571.08
Holston	44.75	New York East	1,363.12

CONFERENCES.		CONFERENCES.	
North Indiana	\$ 43.45	Southern Illinois	\$ 20.00
North Nebraska	183.20	South Kansas	19.00
North Ohio	525.05	South-east Indiana	404.86
Northern New York	303.21	South-west Kansas	76.50
North-west Indiana	46.00	Troy	724.22
North-west Iowa	467.04	Upper Iowa	780.85
North-west Kansas	36.00	Vermont	571.15
Ohio	1,864.21	West Nebraska	119.18
Oregon	200.00	West Wisconsin	119.30
Philadelphia	3,316.69	Wilmington	254.20
Pittsburg	1,527.15	Wisconsin	11.00
Rock River	800.80	Wyoming	1,201.00
Saint Louis	28.00	Other Sources	3,479.05
Southern California	2.00		
			\$ 90,213.67

Expenditures of Special Fund.

Paid Castle Garden and Italian Work, N. Y. \$	3,178.50	Paid Furnishing, Missionaries, Current Expenses . . . \$	2,423.23
" French Work, N. H. Conf.	79.75	" Spencer Home, special gifts	1,068.35
" King Home	1,000.49	" Siletz Indians	215.40
" Immigrants' Work, Boston	8,007.26	" Boylan, chapel, piano, etc	863.00
" Stickney Home, by Mr. Carr	526.48	" Ocala, building, furnishing, piano, etc.	3,012.30
" Jesse Lee and Stickney Homes, by Mrs. Daggett	1,939.50	" Mothers' Jewels Home	622.49
" Ritter Home	3,067.42	Deaconess Work:	
" To Pawhuska, special gift	50.00	" Baltimore	622.33
" Navajoes, building, organ, etc	1,566.47	" Buffalo	1,023.67
" Apaches, on building.	547.18	" Brooklyn	1,184.23
" Lucy W. Hayes Home: On building, furnishing, current expenses, including \$622.19, credited in Baltimore Conf.	6,805.75	" Detroit	1,920.47
" Glenn Home, on building	3,187.50	" Grand Rapids	2,405.90
" School Domestic Science	1,687.00	" Philadelphia	3,049.43
		" Pittsburg	1,292.48
		" San Francisco	3,521.83
		" Syracuse	339.37
		" Lucy W. Hayes Home and Training School	1,354.94
		" Deaconess at Work, Credited in Conferences	184.89
			\$ 56,747.61

General Cash Account.

RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR—

General Fund	\$ 56,127.54	
Borrowed from Special Fund	31,087.77	
		\$ 87,215.31
Beneficiary Fund	3,298.28	
Borrowed from Special Fund	267.45	
		3,565.73
Special Fund		58,864.45
		\$ 149,645.49

PAID DURING THE YEAR—

General Fund	\$ 87,215.31	
Beneficiary Fund	3,565.73	
Special Fund	56,747.61	
Cash in Treasury	2,116.84	
		\$ 149,645.49

BALANCE TO NEXT YEAR—

Special Fund		\$ 33,472.06
Cash in Treasury	\$ 2,116.84	
Due from loan to General Fund	\$ 31,087.77	
Due from loan to Beneficiary Fund	267.45	
Total amount due to Special Fund	31,355.22	\$ 33,472.06

TREASURER'S NOTE.—In addition to several small bequests this year, the Society has received the gift, by Col. J. M. Bennett, of Philadelphia, of a house for a Deaconess Home, the minimum value of which is \$10,000.

[Editor's Note.—The above itemized statement of accounts cannot fail to show the amount of money received, what was done with it, and what is on hand. It shows why there is a shortage in the building funds; and the fact is made plain why the Society has decided that the best way to help the building funds is (1) to cut down the expenses of the General Fund, and (2) to turn everything possible into the General Fund so that it can pay its loan.]

Local Work.

Money received and disbursed in the Conferences and cities named, and *vouchers* therefor were sent to the Treasurer.

CONFERENCES.

BALTIMORE.—Baltimore, Madison, \$180; Janesville, \$2.70. Total, \$182.70.
 CENTRAL ILLINOIS.—Carlinville, \$4.57. Total, \$4.57.
 CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.—Harrisburg, Grace, \$238.43; Ridge Avenue, \$134.00; Lewisburg, Beaver Memorial, \$12.00; Lock Haven, Trinity, \$13.52; Milton, \$5.00; New Cumberland, \$158.00; Sunbury, \$68.05; Williamsport, \$53.43. Total, \$682.43.
 CINCINNATI.—Dayton, Grace, \$50.00. Total, \$50.00.
 DETROIT.—Adrian, \$7.35; Alpena, \$6.00; Arnold, \$2.15; Ausable, \$16.00; Bay City, Madison Avenue, \$27.68; Birmingham, \$26.91; Cass City, \$53.55; Calumet, \$38.00; Clayton, \$5.00; Corunna, \$39.70; Dansville, \$5.00; East Tawas, \$15.35; Fenton, \$6.00; Flint: Court Street, \$30.70; Club, \$25.66; Greenfield, Grace, \$42.08; Haven, \$33.89; Orion, \$8.20; Owosso, \$72.55; Pontiac, \$16.75; Preston, \$5.00; Riggsville, \$5.00; Saginaw, Jefferson Avenue, \$166.20; Tecumseh, \$9.37; Wyandotte, \$8.75. Total, \$672.84.
 EAST OHIO.—Cleveland: Asbury, \$23.50; Broadway, \$20.00; Epworth Memorial, \$67.00; Euclid Avenue, \$31.00; First Church, \$301.50; Grace,

\$41.00; Kinsman, \$23.50; Miles Park, \$205.00; Scovill Avenue, \$17.00;	
Superior Street, \$15.00; Woodland Avenue, \$38.50.	Total, \$783.00.
EAST TENNESSEE.—	Total, \$171.00.
ERIE.—Brookville, \$4.00.	Total, \$4.00.
GENESEE.—Bradford, \$239.86; Holley, \$5.80; Lyndonville, \$8.75.	Total, \$254.41.
HOLSTON.—	Total, \$455.00.
MICHIGAN.—Battle Creek, \$87.05; Grand Rapids, \$75.58; Ionia, \$4.50;	
Miles, \$13.06; White Pigeon, \$6.52.	Total, \$186.71.
NEWARK.—Newark, Halsey Street, \$175.00; Roseville, \$7.00; West-	
field, \$5.25.	Total, \$187.25.
NEW JERSEY.—	Total, \$200.00.
NEW YORK.—Marlborough, \$5.40; New York: Park Avenue, \$50.00;	
St. James, \$57.00; Tarrytown, \$25.00.	Total, \$137.40.
NORTH INDIANA.—Elkhart, \$6.42; Garrett, \$27.10; Hagerstown, \$5.75;	
Knightstown, \$58.19; Marion, \$35.00; Middletown, \$35.00; New Castle,	
\$49.78; Red Key, \$28.25; Richmond, \$5.00; Wabash, \$18.00.	Total, \$268.49.
NORTH NEBRASKA.—Blair, \$8.00; Omaha: Hanscom Park, \$20.00;	
Seward Street, \$24.50; Trinity, \$4.62; Scotia, \$3.00.	Total, \$60.12.
NORTH OHIO.—Brooklyn, \$14.00; Cleveland: Franklin Avenue, \$84.50;	
Band, \$11.50; Jennings Avenue, \$56.75; New London, \$34.30.	Total, \$201.05.
NORTH-WEST IOWA.—Sioux City, \$176.60.	Total, \$176.60.
OHIO.—Columbus: Broad Street, \$101.00 (including \$70.00 omitted	
last year); Circle, \$20.00; Neil Avenue, \$11.00; Third Avenue, \$45.00;	
Town Street, \$37.10; Wesley, \$65.00; Circle, \$20.00.	Total, \$299.10.
SAINT LOUIS.—Saint Louis: Union, \$1,106.00; Goode Avenue, \$6.00;	
Harlem Place, \$2.75; Trinity, \$7.25; Sedalia, \$13.00.	Total, \$1,135.00.
SOUTH-EAST INDIANA.—Greensburg, \$10.50; Indianapolis, Roberts	
Park, \$11.35.	Total, \$21.85.
TROY.—Albany, First Church, \$23.00; Amsterdam, Band, \$114.40;	
Fort Edward, \$72.25; Glens Falls, \$42.50; Gloversville, Freemont Street,	
\$13.35; Granville, \$35.25; Saratoga, \$245.04; Circle, \$6.19; Sandy Hill,	
\$62.67; Schenectady, Albany Street, \$5.00; South Glens Falls, \$32.79;	
Troy, Fifth Avenue, \$20.00.	Total, \$644.44.
UPPER IOWA.—Dubuque, \$156.00; Maquoketa, \$36.55.	Total, \$192.55.
VERMONT.—Northfield, \$12.00.	Total, \$12.00.
WILMINGTON.—Newark, \$15.50; Rising Sun, \$2.76; Wilmington:	
Epworth, \$6.50; Grace, \$40.00; St. Paul, \$137.00; Scott, \$376.62; Union,	
\$10.00.	Total, \$588.38.
WYOMING.—Binghanton: Centenary, \$87.74; Chenango Street,	
\$16.06; High Street, \$22.00; Tabernacle, \$471.33; Jermyn, \$20.00; Scran-	
ton, First Church, \$73.72; Providence, \$110.00.	Total, \$800.85.
Grand Total	\$3,399.74.

Supplies.

Estimated value of Supplies \$55,363.89.

General Summary.

RECEIPTS OF TREASURER THIS YEAR	\$118,290.27
RECEIPTS THROUGH VOUCHERS FOR LOCAL WORK	8,399.74
ESTIMATED VALUE OF SUPPLIES	55,363.89

I have carefully examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct.
 MRS. F. S. HOYT, Auditor.

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CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Woman's Home Missionary Society
OF THE
Methodist Episcopal Church.

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1884.

ARTICLE I.—Name.

THIS organization shall be known as the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE II.—Objects.

The aim of this Society shall be to enlist and organize the efforts of Christian women in behalf of the needy and destitute women and children of all sections of our country, without distinction of race, and to co-operate with the other societies and agencies of the Church in educational and missionary work.

ARTICLE III.—Organization.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, five Vice-presidents, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and twelve Resident Managers, who, together, shall constitute the General Executive Board, and reside in, or not remote from, the city of Cincinnati.

SEC. 2. The annual meetings of the Board of Managers shall be held in the city of Cincinnati, unless otherwise provided, and shall consist of the General Executive Board, together with the Corresponding Secretary and one delegate from each Conference.

SEC. 3. The work of the Annual Session shall be:

(1.) To elect the General Executive Board for the ensuing year.

(2.) To take into consideration the demands of the entire work of the Society, designating fields of labor, examining the reports of missionaries already employed, and selecting beneficiaries; to estimate the needs of the mission fields, determine the amounts to be raised, and to devise means for carrying forward the work of the Society; to appropriate its receipts in accordance with the purposes and methods herein indicated; to arrange with the several Conference Secretaries the work to be undertaken by each Conference, and, until such time as the conference organizations are complete, to appoint a suitable person to fill the place of Corresponding Secretary of the conference work in the several Conferences.

(3.) To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand; provided all its plans and directions shall be in harmony with this Constitution.

SEC. 4. In the event of a vacancy in the General Executive Board occurring *ad interim* the place shall be filled by the Executive Board.

SEC. 5. The General Executive Board shall meet quarterly, or oftener, at the call of the President and Recording Secretary, and seven shall constitute a quorum to do business.

SEC. 6. The duties of the General Executive Board shall be:

(1.) To execute all orders of the Board of Managers.

(2.) To determine all matters referred to them by the Board.

(3.) To administer all the affairs of the Society between the annual sessions of the Board of Managers.

SEC. 7. The duties of the President, Vice-presidents, and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers.

SEC. 8. The duty of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to make herself acquainted with the needs and opportunities of the mission-field, to correspond with missionaries and with the Conference Secretaries, and to furnish the Conference Boards with all needful information; also to secure from them the details of their work, which will be necessary to make quarterly reports to the Executive Board and annual reports to the Board of Managers concerning the condition and needs of the mission-field, and publish the same for the information of the membership.

SEC. 9. The Treasurer shall keep a regular account of the receipts and disbursements of the Society, report the state of the funds at the Annual Meeting and at each regular meeting of the Executive Board, pay only such bills as it shall direct, each order being signed by the President and Recording Secretary, and she shall make such disposition of the funds in her hands as the Executive Board may approve. At the close of the year the accounts shall be audited by a competent person selected for the purpose.

ARTICLE IV.—Conference Organization.

SECTION 1. A Conference Society shall consist of all the Auxiliary Societies in a given Conference, together with a Conference Executive Board. It shall take the name of the Conference in which it is located.

SEC. 2. The officers of the Conference Society shall be a President, one Vice-president, and one or more Managers from each presiding elder's district, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer (the Corresponding Secretary may also be the Treasurer). These officers shall constitute the Executive Board of the Conference Society for the administration of the affairs of the Society, and five shall constitute a quorum. These officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting, and hold office till others are chosen.

SEC. 3. The duties of the Executive Board shall be:

To co-operate in plans for the permanent establishment of the Society within the Conference bounds; to provide for an Annual Meeting and arrange anniversary exercises; and to transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided its action is in harmony with this Constitution.

SEC. 4. (1.) The duties of the President and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually appertain to their respective offices, and to co-operate with the Corresponding Secretary, Vice-presidents, Managers, and Treasurer in organizing and conducting the work.

(2.) The duties of the Vice-presidents and Managers shall be to organize Auxiliaries in their respective districts, and by all proper means to awaken missionary interest and zeal.

(3.) The duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to attend the session of the Annual Conference; to endeavor to interest ministers and ladies in the work of the Society; to organize Auxiliary Societies in the various charges in the Conference, and, as soon as practicable, to effect a Conference organization in harmony with the Constitution; to conduct the correspondence of the Society with the General Executive Board, with Auxiliary Societies within the Conference, with such missionaries in the field and beneficiaries in the schools as are supported by the Conference; to forward quarterly to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Executive Board a full statement of the work of the Conference Society, and to present an annual report to the Board of Managers at the Annual Meeting.

(4.) The duty of the Treasurer, who may also be Corresponding Secretary, shall be to receive and forward all funds of the Society monthly, keeping a book account, and to make a quarterly report of the same to the Treasurer of the General Executive Board.

SEC. 5.—Special Work.—Individuals, Auxiliaries, or Conference Societies may, subject to the approval of the Conference Board and of the General Executive Board, select special fields of labor, and provide for the support of missionaries therein employed, and they may also educate beneficiaries selected by themselves.

ARTICLE V.—Auxiliary Societies.

SECTION 1. Ten or more women who shall organize under the Constitution and By-laws for Auxiliaries, and pay their annual dues, thereby become a Society auxiliary to the Conference Society, and are entitled to one delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Conference Board. And the pastor shall report the collections of this Society at the Annual Conference.

SEC. 2. Auxiliary Societies, or local Committees, when there is no Conference Society yet established, shall report to the Conference Secretary appointed by the General Executive Board. When there is no Secretary in the Conference within the territorial bounds of which they are, they shall report to the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary of the General Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI.—Membership.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership, and twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

ARTICLE VII.—Relations to Other Branches of Church Work.

SECTION 1. This Society will engage exclusively in missionary labor in our own land, and it will work in harmony with the connectional societies of the Church.

a. The appointment, employment, and remuneration of its missionaries shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

b. The fields of labor and the general plans and designs of work of this Society shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

c. All the missionaries supported by the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall labor under the direction of the authorities of the Missionary Society, and if in a mission, shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that govern the other missionaries in that particular mission.

SEC. 2. The funds of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall not be raised by collections, nor by subscriptions taken during any regular Church service, nor in Sunday-schools, but shall be raised by securing members, life members, honorary members, managers, and patrons, by collections taken in audiences convened in the interests of the Society, and by other methods (such as fairs, festivals, lectures, etc.) which will not interfere with the collections and contributions for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the amounts so collected shall be reported to the Annual Conference through the preachers in charge, in order that they may be entered among the benevolent collections and published in the Annual and General Minutes.

SEC. 3. The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church may act as the Trustee of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in all matters of legacies, and in holding for it real estate or other trusts, as the Woman's Home Missionary Society may desire.

SEC. 4. The Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which determines its work for the year, shall be so arranged that its plans may be submitted to the authorities of the Missionary Society for approval, at their Annual Meeting in November.

ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution may be changed by the General Conference. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed at any Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers by a two-thirds vote of the members present, a three-months' notice of the proposed change having been sent to each Conference organization, and published in the Church papers.

BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I.

ANNUAL MEETING.

1. The Chairman and the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries of the General Executive Board shall fix the time and place of the Annual Meeting, unless this has been done at a previous Annual Meeting.

2. A committee of five, appointed by the Executive Board, shall prepare a program of exercises and an order of business for the Annual Meeting. They shall see that the time and place of meeting are announced in all the Church papers.

3. The Committee on Nomination of Officers for the Society shall consist of one member from each Conference delegation, to be appointed by the respective delegations, and five members of the General Executive Board. The officers shall be elected by ballot.

4. The Committee on Finance and Mission Fields shall consist of the President of the Society, the Chairman of the General Executive Board, the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary, the Treasurer, the Secretaries of Bureaus, together with the Conference Secretaries present at any Annual Meeting, and five other persons chosen by the Annual Meeting.

II.

BUREAUS.

1. Our mission-fields and departments of work shall be placed in charge of Bureaus, each consisting of a Secretary and Assistants.

2. Each Bureau shall have the entire responsibility, in its own field, of executing all the plans and applying all the funds as ordered by the General Board of Managers, and supervised by the General Executive Board.

3. Each mission shall be placed under the special supervision of a committee of ladies nominated by the Conference Society or Societies most immediately interested* in the mission, and elected by the General Executive Board. These committees shall report quarterly or oftener to the Secretary of the Bureau, giving a detailed statement of the condition and needs of the work in their charge.

4. Each Bureau, except Supplies and Local Missionary Work, shall consist of its Secretary and the Committees in charge of the work within its bounds.

5. The duty of the Secretary of the Bureau shall be to co-operate with these committees in the management of the work, secure conformity to the rules approved by the General Board of Managers for mission work, and give a detailed report quarterly or oftener to the General Executive Board.

6. The Bureaus shall be (1) East Southern States; (2) East Central States; (3) West Central States; (4) West Southern States; (5) Texas; (6) New Mexico and Arizona (Spanish); (7) New Mexico and Arizona (Indian); (8) Mormons; (9) Indians; (10) Alaska; (11) Mission Supplies; (12) Local Missionary Work; (13) Young People's Work; (14) Home Missionary Reading Circle and Lectures; (15) Immigrants; (16) Deaconess Work.

7. The Bureau for the East Southern States shall consist of its Secretary, and two or more ladies from each of these States, Georgia and Florida.

8. The Bureau for the East Central States shall consist of its Secretary

*The Conference or Conferences assuming the financial responsibility.

and two or more ladies for each of the following States: North Carolina and South Carolina.

9. The Bureau for the West Central States shall consist of its Secretary and two or more ladies for each of the following States: Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama.

10. The Bureau for the West Southern States shall consist of its Secretary and two or more ladies for each of the following States: Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

11. The Bureau for Texas, New Mexico and Arizona (Spanish), New Mexico and Arizona (Indian), the Mormons, the Indians, and Alaska shall each consist of its Secretary and three or more ladies.

12. The Bureau for Mission Supplies shall consist of its Secretary and such assistants as she shall from time to time deem necessary, and the Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

13. The Bureau for Immigrants shall consist of a Secretary, and two or more ladies from each city in which our Missions are established. The work of this Bureau shall be the establishment and care of Homes and Industrial Schools for Immigrant women and girls, and also the care of the Italian Work in New York City.

14. The Bureau for the Home Missionary Reading Circle and Lectures shall be composed of a Secretary and two or more ladies, and a Co-operative Committee consisting of the Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

15. The Bureau for Deaconess Work shall consist of a Secretary, and ladies from each locality where a Deaconess Home may be established.*

16. The Bureau for Local Missionary Work shall consist of a Secretary and such assistants as she shall from time to time deem necessary.

17. The work of this Bureau shall comprise the supervision of mission work in our large cities and towns, as inaugurated or carried forward by our auxiliaries in harmony with the local Church authorities, pastors and official Boards; the support of Industrial Schools, for instruction in religion, morals, temperance, and the elementary industries; and the employment of Bible-readers for general missionary work among the neglected women and children.

18. Local missionary work for which credit for money expended is given, shall be entered upon only with the approval of the General Executive Board, after a formal application for permission to undertake such work through the Secretary of the Bureau of Local Missionary Work.

19. All persons employed as missionaries in these fields shall be subject to all the rules relating to testimonials as to fitness, and to furnishing reports of work, that are applicable to missionaries in our other fields.

20. The Funds used for the support of this city work shall be raised for that special purpose, and by such methods as shall not diminish the amount that would otherwise be contributed to the general treasury.

21. Churches and individuals furnishing supplies to meet the needs of organized Local Missionary Work may be credited for the same through the authorized channels in the Bureau of Supplies.

22. It shall be the duty of the Bureau of Young People's Work to awaken and sustain interest in Young Ladies' and in Juvenile Societies.

23. All Secretaries of Bureaus shall be nominated by the General Executive Board, and confirmed by the Board of Managers.

24. The Secretaries of the Bureaus of Supplies, of Local Missionary Work, of Young People's Work, of Home Missionary Reading Circle, of Immigrants, and of Deaconess Work, may nominate the members of their Bureaus, who shall be elected by the General Executive Board.

III.

FINANCE.

1. The fiscal year of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall end the 15th of October.

*The work shall be conducted according to the provisions of the Methodist Discipline, ¶ ¶ 207-212, page 126.

2. **Auxiliary Societies.**—The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall send their quarterly reports, as specified in By-laws for Auxiliaries, 4 and 5, December 15th, March 15th, June 15th, and September 15th.

3. **Conference Societies.**—The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall send their quarterly reports as prescribed in the Constitution, Article IV, Sections 3 and 4, January 15th, April 15th, July 15th, and October 15th.

4. **General Executive Board.**—The Corresponding Secretary shall furnish the reports specified in the Constitution, Article III, Section 8, as soon as possible after the 15th of January, April, July, and October.

5. All moneys raised for the Society must be sent by the auxiliaries to the Conference Treasurer, and thence forwarded to the General Treasurer. Moneys to be expended for missionary supplies for frontier or Southern work, must, in all cases, be raised as a special fund for such work.

6. Moneys shall not be collected by the employes of the Society for any special purpose, unless such collection is authorized by the Board, and the purpose approved; and moneys so collected shall be paid into the General Treasury, and be regularly appropriated therefrom.

7. All missionaries, superintendents of Industrial Schools, and teachers in the employ of the Society shall present to the Board through the Secretaries of their respective Bureaus (not later than September 10th of each year) carefully prepared estimates for their work for the coming year.

8. Each Conference Corresponding Secretary is requested to come to the meeting of the General Board of Managers prepared to say what work her Conference will support for the coming year.

9. With a view to protect this Society against any embarrassments that might possibly grow out of unauthorized engagements or pledges in respect to the funds or the operations of the Society, it is hereby ordered:

(1.) That no officer of the Society, no Auxiliary or Conference Society shall contract for the purchase of property, or undertake any special work (other than local work within its own territory) without the approval of the General Executive Board of this Society, expressed in writing and duly certified by the signatures of the Chairman and the Recording Secretary of said Board.

(2.) That if the special work proposed to be undertaken shall be the erection of a building or buildings, whether for religious, benevolent, or educational purposes, the erection of the same shall not be begun nor contracted for until the money that will be required for the completion thereof shall have been paid into the General Treasury of this Society or fully provided for, nor until the erection of the said building or buildings, and all the plans and contracts relating to the same, shall have been approved by the General Executive Board of this Society in the manner specified in the foregoing paragraph.

IV.

BUILDINGS AND CARE OF HOMES AND SCHOOLS.

1. The erection of all buildings for Home and school work shall be under the care of a special committee appointed by the Bureau having charge of the work. This committee shall determine the site, select the plan, let the contract, supervise the erection, and accept the work, subject to the approval of the General Executive Board through the Secretary of the Bureau.

2. The furnishing of Industrial Homes and schools shall be plain, simple, and economical, and as carefully adapted to circumstances as possible. The purchases shall be made under the direction of the Bureau in charge, and the property shall belong to the Society. It shall be carefully marked, and at the end of each year an inventory of property, and a statement of its condition, shall be furnished to the Board by the Superintendent of the Home.

3. Each Industrial Home shall be under the care of a Superintendent, who, together with the teachers of the school, shall be elected, employed, and paid by the General Executive Board.

4. All the employes of the Board shall make, directly, or through their superintendents, as they shall be instructed, monthly reports of their work, as per blank provided, sending one copy to the Corresponding Secretary and another to the Secretary of the Bureau in charge of the field.

5. Since the conversion and spiritual growth of those for whom we labor is the object of all effort, our instructors are required to work diligently and methodically to that end, through family worship, school instruction, personal appeal, and social means of grace, endeavoring at all times to develop sound and strong character.

6. Pupils of all ages may be admitted to our Industrial Schools. It shall be the aim in these schools to provide: (1.) Such social and moral training as shall tend to make good neighbors and good citizens; (2.) When necessary, the rudiments of education—reading, writing, and keeping simple accounts; (3.) Such domestic instruction as shall fit girls to care for a house, and prepare plain meals properly and economically; (4.) Instruction in dress-making and cutting, making and mending the plain garments of ordinary wearing apparel; (5.) Tuition in nursing—the care of the sick; (6.) Kindergarten and kitchen-garden training; (7.) Instruction in the cultivation of vegetables, fruits, and flowers.

7. It shall be our aim to provide a library for each Industrial Home and school, to which pupils may have daily access.

V.

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

1. There shall be a committee of three appointed by the General Executive Board to publish letters from missionaries, circulars relating to the various Bureaus, and kindred matter that will help auxiliaries sustain their interest in our work; and to send such information out upon application, for use in Conference, District, and Auxiliary meetings.

2. The Recording Secretary shall give to the public, through the Church papers, a condensed report of such proceedings of each meeting of the General Executive Board as will be of interest to our workers or to the general public.

VI.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Persons who offer themselves for employment by the Society must give satisfactory answers to the following questions:

1. Do you feel that you are moved by the love of souls and the providence of God to take upon you the work of a Home Missionary?

2. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ, our Lord?

3. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church as set forth in Part I, Chapter I, of the Discipline?

4. When and where were you born?

5. What are your domestic relations and obligations?

6. Have you a thorough English education?

7. In what schools have you taught and how long?

8. Have you knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental.

9. Can you cut and fit dresses and teach sewing and millinery?

10. Are you able to give instructions in housekeeping, including cooking?

11. Have you had experience in the care of the sick?

II. The candidates must furnish satisfactory testimonials to the following facts: (1) Membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church; (2) Christian zeal for the salvation of souls; (3) Good health; (4) Educational fitness; (5) Ability to give instruction in the common domestic industries; (6) Aptness to teach.

2. Each candidate is requested to write a letter giving a brief sketch of her life and her call to the work, which, with her photograph, is to be sent with her testimonials.

3. The testimonials of a missionary candidate shall be considered and passed by her Conference Board before they are brought to the Committee on Missionary Candidates.

4. When a candidate has been accepted by the General Executive Board, she may be appointed on nomination of a Bureau to a mission field.

5. New missionaries may be appointed by the General Executive Board upon the recommendation of the respective Bureaus at any time during the year.

6. The General Executive Board shall set apart the last Saturday in May for a special examination into the work of the missionaries during the year, and appointments for the coming year shall then be made.

7. A missionary shall receive her traveling expenses from her home to her field of labor; also, her return expenses when she is recalled by the General Executive Board, and her salary from the time of arrival in her field. This salary shall be paid monthly, not to exceed \$40 per month. She shall also be allowed an amount not exceeding five dollars for postage.

VII.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

1. Young persons over sixteen years of age may be organized into Mission Circles under the general rules governing Ladies' Auxiliaries, with a membership fee of not less than fifty cents per annum. They may be under the supervision and direction of some adult lady, and are recommended to choose some special name.

2. Young persons under sixteen may be organized into Juvenile Bands under the Constitution already provided.

3. Children under six years of age may be enrolled as Mother's Jewels on the payment of ten cents.

VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-laws may be amended or suspended at any Annual Meeting of the Society; due notice of changes proposed must be given during the first three days of such meeting.

BY-LAWS OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD.

[NOTE.—Under the laws of incorporation of the State of Ohio, a majority of the members of the body incorporated constitutes a quorum. Therefore eleven is the legal quorum of the Executive Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.]

1. The meetings of the Executive Board shall be held the last Friday of each month. Special meetings may be called by the President and Recording Secretary, due notice being given.

2. A quarterly meeting shall be held the last Saturday in January, April, and September, at such places as the Board shall designate. Written reports shall be presented by the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, the Secretaries of the Bureaus, and the Chairmen of the Standing Committees.

3. The Recording Secretary shall notify each member of the time and place of all meetings, regular and special.

4. The Executive Board shall organize by the election of a Chairman

and the requisite Standing Committees at its first meeting next succeeding the Annual Meeting.

5. The Executive Board shall appoint a Business Committee of seven, to consist of the President, Corresponding Sec'y, Recording Sec'y, Treasurer, and three other members of the Board, with power to transact business for the Board in the intervals of the monthly meetings. This committee shall report all its action at the regular meeting next succeeding such action.

6. Corresponding Secretaries of Conference Societies, in attendance upon any meeting of the Executive Board, shall be entitled to a seat and a vote.

7. The Order of Business and Rules of Debate shall be as follows: (1.) Singing, reading of Scriptures, prayer; (2.) Reading of minutes of last meeting; (3.) Reports of Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Secretaries of the Bureaus, Standing Committees; (4.) Reports of Special Committees; (5.) Unfinished business; (6.) Resolutions for discussion shall be presented in writing; (7.) Ladies speaking shall rise and address the chair.

8. There shall be the following Standing Committees: (1) Business; (2) Beneficiaries; (3) Missionary Candidates; (4) Annual Meeting; (5) Publication; (6) Leaflets; (7) "Woman's Home Missions"; (8) Transportation; (9) Mite Boxes.

9. These By-laws may be amended by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the General Executive Board, notice of the desired change having been given at the preceding meeting. They may be suspended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. THE President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Societies shall call meetings of the Executive Board when the exigencies of the work demand it, and shall also determine the date and place of the Annual Meeting, and arrange for anniversary exercises, unless these items have been provided for by previous action at the Annual Meeting.

2. The program for the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society shall include reports from the Recording and the Corresponding Secretaries, the Treasurer, and the District Secretaries; the election of officers, of standing committees, and of a delegate and alternate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

3. Order of Business: (1.) Devotional exercises; (2.) Introduction of delegates; (3.) Appointment of committees; (4.) Reading of minutes of last meeting; (5.) Report of Treasurer; (6.) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (7.) Report of District officers; (8.) Reports of committees; (9.) Unfinished and miscellaneous business; (10.) Election of officers.

4. Each District Secretary shall present a list of the full names of her delegation to the Recording Secretary.

5. The Standing Committees shall be appointed as follows: (1.) Annual Meeting; (2.) By-laws; (3.) Woman's Home Missions.

6. The Committee on Anniversary shall consist of the President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Secretary of the District in which the meeting is to be held.

7. The Committee on Nominations shall consist of one lady from each District, chosen by the delegates from her District. Vacancies occurring in the Conference Board *ad interim* may be filled by the Executive Board of the Conference.

8. Every Auxiliary Society in the Conference shall be entitled to a delegate; these delegates, with the Executive Board, shall constitute the Annual Meeting.

9. The duty of each District President shall be to have general supervision of the work in her District. She shall confer and co-operate with the Secretary in organizing and visiting the work; preside at the District

meetings, and endeavor to secure the favor and aid of the presiding elder and pastors. She shall report her work to the Secretary of the District.

10. The duty of the District Secretary shall be to confer and co-operate with the President in the organization of Auxiliaries, Young Ladies' Circles, and Juvenile Bands; to correspond with and visit them, to arrange for public meetings, to send out blank reports, receive them when filled, and forward a report by the 1st of January, April, July, and October to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

11. There shall be a Mite-box Secretary, a Secretary of Local Missionary Work, and a Secretary (or a Committee) of Young People's Work, each to report as directed by the Conference Executive Board.

12. The Executive Board shall meet in ——— on the — of each month, if practicable.

13. No membership dues or moneys obtained for missionary purposes may be used for local needs.

14. Auxiliaries shall have credit in the General Reports only for moneys sent to the General Treasurer.

15. There shall be a contingent fund for local expenses, to which each Auxiliary shall contribute to the amount of at least ten cents a member for each year, one-half to be used in Conference expenses and the other half in those of the District and Auxiliary.

16. As soon as practicable each District shall be organized into an Association under the Constitution adopted by the General Executive Board.

17. The District Association or the President and Secretary of each District shall be a Committee to arrange for a presentation of our work at camp-meetings held on the District. In case of their failure to do so, that duty shall devolve upon the Conference Executive Board.

18. Any Conference that has held one or more Annual Meetings, and has its duly elected Conference and District officers, may determine its own methods of organizing auxiliaries, and the amount of remuneration of its organizers, provided that all its plans shall be in harmony with the Constitution.

19. Organizers may draw upon the General Treasury for their traveling expenses, and one dollar for each day of actual service, when the Conference Contingent Fund is insufficient to meet the expense.

20. Their accounts shall be audited each month by the General Executive Board, except when the Conference Contingent Fund pays the expense. In that case the Conference Society shall audit those bills.

21. Organizers shall be recommended by their Conference Boards to the General Executive Board for appointment.

22. The Conference Societies shall be held responsible for the direction and control of their respective organizers.

23. The Conference Treasurer shall close her account with the auxiliaries the — of —, after which all the moneys received shall be placed in the next year's account.

24. These By-laws may be suspended by a majority vote of the Conference Executive Board at any regular meeting, and amended by a two-thirds vote of an Annual Meeting, notice of the desired amendment having been given a month previous, and the change being in harmony with the Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

CONSTITUTION FOR DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be known as the ——— District Association of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

ART. 2. It shall be the object of this Association to secure an Auxiliary in each charge on the District if possible, and to sustain interest in those already organized.

ART. 3. Every person who is a member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society on the ——— District shall be a member of the Association.

ART. 4. The officers of this Association shall be a President (the District Vice-President chosen by the Conference Society, when the District Association is not organized); a Vice-President from every Auxiliary on the District, who shall be the President of the Auxiliary, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary (the District Manager chosen by the Conference Society), and a Treasurer. They shall be elected by ballot upon nomination by a Committee.

ART. 5. The duties shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers, with the addition to those of the Corresponding Secretary, that she shall secure a report from each Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary on the 15th of December, of March, of June, and of September, and send a report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary by the 1st of January, April, July, and October. The Treasurer shall hold only the contingent fund of the District, which she shall disburse upon the order of the President and Corresponding Secretary.

ART. 6. There shall be an annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may be of interest to the Association, and such other meetings as may be found practicable.

ART. 7. The Standing Committees shall be upon Mite-boxes, *Woman's Home Missions*, and Program.

ART. 8. This Constitution may be amended only by the General Executive Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the Woman's Home Missionary Society of ———, Auxiliary to the ——— Conference Society of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid in interesting Christian women in the elevation and evangelization of needy and destitute women and children in our own land, and in raising funds for this work.

ART. 3. Any person paying a regular subscription of two cents per week, or one dollar per year, may become a member of this Society, and any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time, shall be constituted a life member.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, three or more Vice-presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee to administer the affairs of the Society.

ART. 5. Meetings of the Society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held ——— of each month. The Anniversary Meeting shall be on the ——— day of ———, when the Annual Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be read, and the officers for the ensuing year elected.

ART. 6. This Constitution and the accompanying By-laws may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present—notice of such intention having been given at a previous meeting.

BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and to supervise its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform the duty of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, and provide the pastor with notices of meetings.

4. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society, to send reports quarterly of the condition and work of the Auxiliary to the District Secretary when the District Association is organized; otherwise to the Conference Secretary, and in the absence of such an officer to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Society in Cincinnati.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book account, and to send the same quarterly to the Conference Treasurer, and in the absence of such an officer, to the Treasurer of the General Society in Cincinnati.

6. It shall be the duty of the Librarian to provide and care for **one or** more sets of books in the Home Missionary Reading Circle. **Five cents** shall be charged for the use of any book returned within a month, **five cents** a week for all time additional, and the full price shall be paid for all books out over three months. These rentals shall constitute a permanent library fund. The Librarian shall keep a file of Woman's Home Missions and Annual Reports for reference, take and forward orders for the same, drawing upon the library fund for necessary postage, and for the purchase of new books. She shall keep a careful record, and report regularly to the auxiliary.

7. ORDER OF EXERCISES FOR MONTHLY MEETING:

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| (1.) Devotional Exercises. | (5.) Report of Corresponding Secretary. |
| (2.) Reading and approval of Minutes | (6.) Unfinished business. |
| (3.) Reports from members of work done. | (7.) Miscellaneous business. |
| (4.) Report of Treasurer, in writing. | (8.) Adjournment. |

8. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, in which reports shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase the general missionary intelligence and zeal in the special work of this Society.

9. There shall be a Standing Committee of three to provide literary exercises of a missionary character for the monthly and quarterly meetings.

10. Each lady connected with this Society shall try to induce others to become members, and shall do what she can to add to the general interest, remembering in prayer each day the Society, its workers, schools, orphans, and missionaries.

CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION CIRCLES.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the Home Mission Circle of ——— Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to interest the young people of the Church in Missionary work among the ignorant and degraded in our own country.

ART. 3. Any young person over sixteen years of age, paying one cent a week, or fifty cents a year, may become a member of this Circle, and any person paying two cents a week, or one dollar a year, may become an Honorary member of the Circle.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, three or more Vice-presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who, together with an adult Lady Manager chosen by the Circle, shall constitute an Executive Committee to plan the work of the Society.

ART. 5. Meetings of the Circle shall be held —— of each month. The Annual Meeting shall be on —— day of ——, when Annual reports shall be read and officers elected for the coming year.

ART. 6. This Constitution and the By-laws accompanying, can only be changed or amended at a regular meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, one month's notice of such intention having been given.

BY-LAWS FOR CIRCLES.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Circle, and in every way seek to promote its interests.

2. The Vice-president shall take the place of the President in her absence, and seek to assist her in every way.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a true record of the proceedings of the Circle, and provide the pastor with notices of meetings.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall carry on the correspondence of the Circle, solicit subscriptions to our paper, and send reports once a quarter to the Conference Secretary of the work of the Circle.

5. The Treasurer shall collect membership dues, keep a book account, and send funds once a quarter to the Conference Treasurer.

6. The Circle may choose the specific Missionary work to which its funds shall be applied, under the advice and direction of the Executive Board of the Conference Society.

7. There shall be two standing Committees, Literary and Musical; one to furnish a Missionary program, and the other to provide music for the meetings.

8. Mission Circles may give literary and musical entertainments in public, at which full reports of the work of the Circle may be made, that the sympathy and interest of the Church may be awakened and kept alive.

9. Each member of the Circle shall try to induce others to join, and shall do all in her power to make the meetings contribute to mental and spiritual growth.

10. Suggestive Order of Exercises for Monthly meeting: (1.) Devotional Exercises. (2.) Reading of Minutes. (3.) Report of Treasurer. (4.) Report of Corresponding Secretary. (5.) Discussion of plans of work. (6.) Program. (7.) Adjournment.

CONSTITUTION FOR JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the —— Mission Band of —— Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 2. The object of this Society is to interest the children and youth of the Church in missionary work in our own land, and to secure their help in carrying it forward.

ART. 3. This Society, by virtue of its voluntary obligations to render material help in various departments of the work, shall be recognized as a lawful adjunct to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall make reports thereto.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be an adult lady Director, whose duty shall be to take charge of and direct the Society, a President, four or more Vice-presidents, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, whose duties shall be those usual to such offices.

ART. 5.—SEC. 1. Any child or young person, with consent of parents or guardian, may become a member of this Society by paying yearly twenty-five cents as membership fee.

SEC. 2. This Society may hold entertainments or use any methods for securing funds that are in harmony with Christian usages and the rules of our Church.

SEC. 3. This Society may choose either to support a beneficiary, furnish Sunday-School supplies, or to assist in any department it may desire; but the location of the work chosen must be decided by the Executive Board of the Conference Society or of the General Society.

SEC. 4. This Society can only have connection with the Woman's Home Missionary Society by contributing directly to its work in the field, and may only have credit in the reports of the General Society for money paid into the General Treasury.

SEC. 5. The Annual Meeting of this Society for the election of officers shall be held on _____.

SEC. 6. This Constitution can only be altered or amended by the Executive Board of the General Society which framed it. Petitions for change may be made in writing, stating reasons for such request, and bearing the signature of all the officers of the Society.

BY-LAWS FOR JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

1. THE meetings of this Society shall be held on _____ of every _____.

2. A Committee on Music, consisting of three or five members (at least one adult), shall be appointed for one month or more, whose duty it shall be to provide suitable music for the meetings.

3. The Society shall be divided into bands of ten (more or less, as seems advisable), according to ages, each of which shall be supervised by one of the Vice-presidents, who shall keep a record of names, ages, conduct, money paid, and report the same at each meeting.

4. The Vice-presidents shall each in turn be responsible for the entertainment of the meeting, by securing speeches, dialogues, quartets, etc., from their bands, and by obtaining the aid of adults as needed. And, together with the Director and the Committee on Music, they shall prepare a program before each meeting for the use of the President.

5. ORDER OF EXERCISE FOR REGULAR MEETING:

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| (1.) Devotional Exercises. | (5.) Report of Bands. |
| (2.) Reading and approval of Minutes. | (6.) Unfinished and Miscellaneous Business. |
| (3.) Report of Treasurer. | (7.) Program. |
| (4.) Report of Corresponding Secretary. | (8.) Adjournment. |

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

BEQUEST—(Personal Estate)—*I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the sum of..... and the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.*

DEVISE—(Real Estate)—*I give and devise to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the following lands and premises, that is to say:....., to have and to hold or dispose of the same, with the appurtenances, to the said Society, its successors, and assigns forever.*

NOTE.—Notice should be given promptly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society of all Bequests and Devises.